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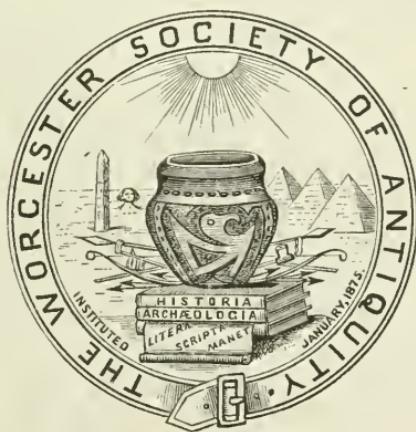
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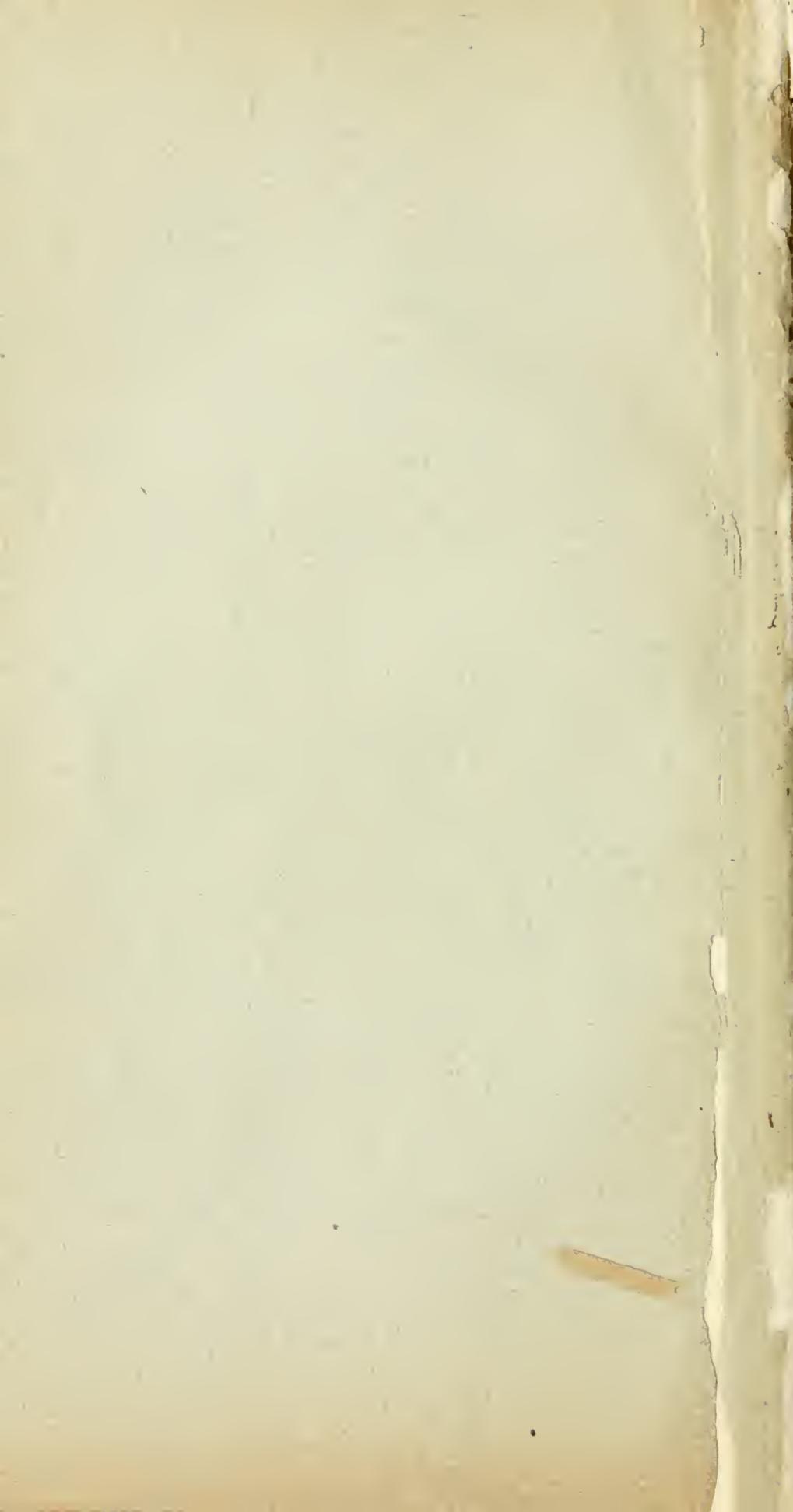
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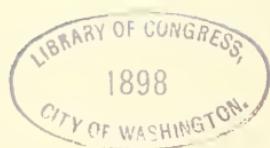
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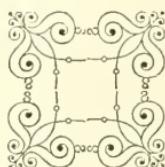
## PREFACE TO COLLECTIONS.

THE TRANSACTIONS of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, from its organization in 1875 to the present time, comprise a great variety of interesting matter, presented from time to time before the Society by those specially interested in the subjects they have considered.

Particular attention has been paid to local as well as general history, and numerous facts, hitherto unknown to the public, have been gathered up and placed beyond the reach of destruction. It may safely be said that no other society in Massachusetts has been able to accomplish so much in so short a time. This is mainly due to the personal efforts of the members who have not only made themselves familiar with written history, but have visited many historic localities, for the purpose of gleaning such facts as have heretofore been overlooked. Special pains have been taken to verify statements and dates, and it is believed that the historical matter contained in these Collections is remarkably free from error in this respect.

The publication of the Early Records of the Town of Worcester, and also the Proprietor's Records, is an enterprise worthy of approval by all historians and genealogists, for the reason that much valuable material is thereby made available for consultation which has hitherto been practically beyond the reach of ordinary research.

This publication has been indexed with considerable care, the Proceedings and Early records by Mr. Samuel E. Staples, the Burial Ground matter and Proprietor's Records by Mr. Franklin P. Rice, thus bringing the whole Collection into proper form for ready reference.



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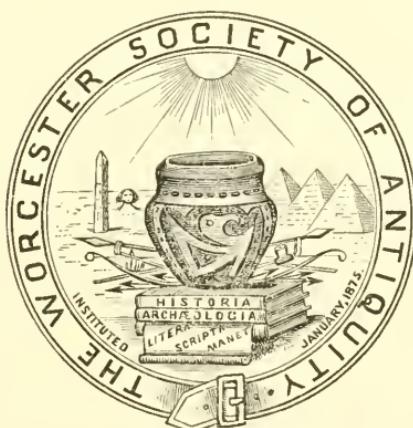
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BE IT KNOWN, That whereas SAMUEL ELIAS STAPLES, CLARK JILLSON, ELLERY B. CRANE, DANIEL SEAGRAVE, FRANKLIN PIERCE RICE, JAMES ANDREW SMITH, ALBERT ALFONZO LOVELL and ALBERT TYLER, have associated themselves with the intention of forming a corporation under the name of

## The Worcester Society of Antiquity,

for the purpose of cultivating and encouraging among its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science; and, so far as practicable, to rescue from oblivion any historical matter that might otherwise be lost; also, the collection and preservation of antiquarian relics of every description, with a capital of an amount not yet established, nor divided into shares, and have complied with the provisions of the Statutes of this Commonwealth in such case made and provided, as appears from the certificate of the President, Treasurer, and Directors of said corporation duly approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, and recorded in this office :

Now, Therefore, I, HENRY B. PEIRCE, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that said S. E. STAPLES, C. JILLSON, E. B. CRANE, D. SEAGRAVE, F. P. RICE, J. A. SMITH, A. A. LOVELL and A. TYLER, their associates and successors, are legally organized and established as and are hereby made an existing corporation, under the name of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions, which by law appertain thereto.

[ L. S. ]

WITNESS my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this twenty-second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.



HENRY B. PEIRCE,

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



# PROCEEDINGS.







# PROCEEDINGS

FOR 1875.

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## ORIGIN OF THE SOCIETY.

The wants and needs of a community like the one in which we live, both present and prospective, are liable to remain unsatisfied unless some person volunteers to give direction to individual thought, so that each may understand the wants of the many, and all unite their efforts to promote a common cause.

The union of distinct and independent forces, the bringing together of isolated rays of intellectual light, and the aggregation of individual research, require such peculiar talent as would seem to be beyond the comprehension of a large majority of mankind.

That there has been, and now is, in the city of Worcester, a considerable number of persons, including some in the humble walks of life, who have been and are deeply interested in the preservation from oblivion of all historical matter relating to Worcester or Worcester County, as well as in the collection of rare and ancient books, pamphlets, prints, engravings, pictures, autographs and coins, together with imple-

ments and manufactures representing the arts, sciences and industry of former generations, no reasonable person will venture to doubt. Though their tastes were in many respects similar, they were not acquainted with each other, and, so far as their antiquarian research was concerned, each was confined to the narrow limit of the meagre result of his own efforts, without receiving any substantial benefit from what others had accomplished.

The bringing together of some of these persons for the purpose of forming a Society is due to the foresight and ability of SAMUEL E. STAPLES, who, after consultation with one or two others, sent out the following brief card of invitation :

WORCESTER, MASS., January 21st, 1875.

To John G. Smith, Daniel Seagrave, Richard O'Flynn and Franklin P. Rice:

*Gentlemen*—It has been proposed to form a Society for the purpose of increasing an interest in archaeological science, and to rescue from oblivion such historical matter as would otherwise be lost; and you are respectfully invited to meet a few gentlemen for consultation and such action as may be thought best, at the house of the writer, No. 1 Lincoln Place (rear of No. 69 Lincoln street,) on Saturday next at 4 o'clock P. M. Hoping you may find it convenient to be present for an hour,

I am, yours respectfully,

SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

The first preliminary meeting was held January 24th, 1875, at the residence of Samuel E. Staples, No. 1 Lincoln Place, Worcester, Mass., in accordance with the above invitation. There were present, besides Mr. Staples, John G. Smith, Richard O'Flynn and

Franklin P. Rice. The matter involved in the invitation to this meeting was freely discussed, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that an organization formed for the purposes set forth in said invitation would be useful and desirable, provided a sufficient number of persons could be found who would take an interest therein.

Mr. Staples presented the following Constitution for consideration, and the meeting was then adjourned to January 30th:

#### C O N S T I T U T I O N.

##### N A M E A N D P U R P O S E.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this organization shall be THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, and its object and purpose to foster in its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science, and the rescue from oblivion of such historical matter as would otherwise be lost.

##### M E M B E R S.

ARTICLE 2. Any person of good character, having an interest in the objects of this Society, and having been proposed at a previous meeting, may be admitted by a majority vote of the members present, on condition of contributing to its interests, attending its meetings, and conforming to the rules and regulations of the Society.

##### O F F I C E R S.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, who shall be elected annually, in the month of January, on separate ballots, and shall respectively hold their office until a successor is chosen.

##### M E E T I N G S.

ARTICLE 4. Meetings for business and for the general good of the Society shall be held on the last Saturday of each month, excepting July and August, and as much more frequently as the

interests of the Society may require; and it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary, jointly, to notify the members in writing of the time and place of all stated meetings, and of all other meetings which in their judgment the interests of the association require should be held.

#### QUORUM.

ARTICLE 5. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a less number may hold meetings for consultation and general improvement.

#### EXPENSES.

ARTICLE 6. The expenses of the Society shall be liquidated by voluntary contributions from its members, or others who may be interested in the objects of the association.

#### ALTERATIONS.

ARTICLE 7. This Constitution may be altered or amended in such manner as the interests of the Society may require; notice of such alteration or amendment having been given at a previous meeting, two-thirds of the members voting therefor.

The second preliminary meeting was held at the printing office of Tyler & Seagrave, No. 442 Main street, Worcester, Mass., Jan. 30th, 1875. Present, Samuel E. Staples, John G. Smith, Franklin P. Rice and Daniel Seagrave. Samuel E. Staples was chosen chairman and Daniel Seagrave secretary. On motion of Mr. Seagrave, it was unanimously voted that those present form themselves into a Society, the objects thereof to be such as set forth in the circular of invitation.

The Constitution presented at the previous meeting was read and referred to a committee consisting of Samuel E. Staples and John G. Smith.

The third preliminary meeting was held Feb. 13th, 1875, at the same place as the former meeting, and

was called to order by the chairman. There were present Samuel E. Staples, John G. Smith, Franklin P. Rice, Richard O'Flynn, Henry D. Barber, Henry F. Stedman and Daniel Seagrave. The committee to whom was referred the Constitution made the following report :

WORCESTER, Feb. 13th, 1875.

The committee to whom was referred the draft of a Constitution for revision have attended to their duty, and submit the following report :

After duly considering the various names that have been suggested for the association, they have unanimously agreed that the one first proposed, viz.: "THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY," is the most suitable, as it covers the whole ground for which the association is to be formed, and is sufficiently comprehensive to embrace all persons, in every place, who may desire to become members of the association, and the committee therefore recommend its adoption.

Article second is so changed that propositions shall be in writing, and a two-thirds vote of members present be required to admit members.

Article fourth is presented in a new draft.

Article sixth, for the word "shall" read "may," and the following additional clause: "but in case the necessity arise, the members may be assessed for such amount as the interests of the Society require."

The proposed Constitution, as revised by these and other amendments herein specified, will then read as follows:

## C O N S T I T U T I O N.

### NAME AND PURPOSE.

**ARTICLE 1.** The name of this organization shall be THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, and its object and purpose to foster in its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science, and to rescue from oblivion such historical matter as would otherwise be lost.

## MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 2. Any person of good character, having an interest in the objects of this Society, and having been proposed in writing at a previous meeting, may be admitted by a two-thirds vote of the members present, on condition of contributing to its interests, attending the meetings, so far as practicable, and conforming to the rules and regulations of the Society.

## OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, who shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in January, on separate ballots, and shall respectively hold their office until a successor is chosen.

## MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 4. Meetings for business and for the general interests of the Society shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, excepting July and August; and also such special meetings as the interests of the Society may require; and it shall be the duty of the President and Secretary, jointly, to notify the members in writing of the time and place of all stated meetings, and of all special meetings which in their judgment (or upon the written request of any three members,) the interests of the association require should be held.

## QUORUM.

ARTICLE 5. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may hold meetings for consultation and general improvement.

## EXPENSES.

ARTICLE 6. The expenses of the Society may be liquidated by voluntary contributions of its members, or other persons who may be interested in the objects of the association; but in case the necessity arise, the members may be assessed for such amount as the interests of the Society require.

## ALTERATIONS.

ARTICLE 7. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Society, notice of such alteration or

amendment having been given in writing at a previous business meeting, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL E. STAPLES,  
JOHN G. SMITH.

The above Constitution was unanimously adopted.

The first regular meeting of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, under the Constitution, was held at the printing office of Tyler & Seagrave, No. 442 Main street, Worcester, Mass., March 2d, 1875. There were present Henry D. Barber, Richard O'Flynn, Franklin P. Rice, John G. Smith, William Macready and Daniel Seagrave. In the absence of the chairman, Henry D. Barber was elected chairman *pro tem.* The Society was then duly organized by the election of the following officers:

President, Samuel E. Staples; Vice President, Henry D. Barber; Secretary, Daniel Seagrave; Treasurer, Henry F. Stedman; Librarian, John G. Smith.

Thus was organized a society whose future promises the most gratifying results. A committee, consisting of John G. Smith and Daniel Seagrave, was appointed to take into consideration certain amendments to the Constitution.

The next meeting was held April 6th, 1875. The President, who was absent at the time of his election, favored the Society with the following address:

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY is designed to encourage historical research. That there is a necessity for such an organi-

zation in this community may be seen when we consider that in this city of fifty thousand inhabitants, with its many institutions of learning (in literature, art and the sciences,) there is no other institution of this kind that meets the popular demand. The American Antiquarian Society may be properly called a national institution, supported and maintained by gentlemen of eminence in their several walks and professions, embracing in its membership persons of the rarest culture and most profound knowledge. Such an institution is useful beyond calculation, in securing, developing and preserving historical knowledge, but it fails to meet the wants of many persons interested in like researches and purposes, who are not so fortunate as to be reckoned among the members of so honorable a body.

It is hoped and believed that this new Society may meet this demand, while it will in no sense be regarded as a rival of the older Society, but rather an auxiliary to it. In order, then, for this association to be the most useful to its members, and ultimately to the public at large, it is very important that each one of us pursue with diligence and careful inquiry the several topics of interest that fall within our sphere.

Historical research and the preservation of historical matter is the underlying principle that should prompt us in our efforts for the attainment and the dissemination of knowledge. Though this Society enters the field of inquiry, the paths of which have been travelled by so many illustrious men, there is room enough and to spare for the few congenial minds with which we start our organization, and the prospective numbers, large and cultivated as we expect them to be in the future, who may be attracted to this organization. The natural benefits to be derived from this association are not to be overlooked. The field of inquiry is so broad that each one may here and there cull a flower with which to beautify our institution, or bring in the harvested fruit to enrich our membership. Let each one do his part, both in spring-time and harvest, that our garners may be filled.

By the records of the last meeting, it appears by the votes then cast you did me the honor to elect me as the first President of this Society. While I appreciate the honor thus conferred, I can only wish that it had fallen upon some other person much better qual-

fied, or that I could bring more ability to the performance of the duties of the office. Desiring the growth and prosperity of this new organization, I shall do what I can to promote its interests, doubting not but that I shall receive the hearty coöperation of all its members.

At the regular meeting held May 4th, 1875, the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution, appointed March 2d, 1875, reported an article relating to honorary members, which was adopted and numbered three (3), the numbers of the following articles being changed to correspond therewith. This article was as follows:

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

ARTICLE 3. Any person of good moral character, interested in antiquarian research, and having a desire to assist in the objects of this Society, and having been proposed in writing at a previous meeting, may be admitted an honorary member thereof on receiving a two-thirds vote of the members present. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of other members, except the right to vote and hold office.

The last meeting of the year was held December 7th, 1875, at the residence of John G. Smith, No. 53 Lincoln street. At the close of the meeting remarks were made by the members relating to the prosperity of the Society during its brief existence. Mr. John G. Smith said that he felt very much encouraged by the present condition of the Society; that it had far exceeded his utmost expectations; and he congratulated the members on the benefit they had already derived from their connection with it. At the close of this year the Society was composed of twelve members.

The interest manifested on the part of the friends of this Society, in its progress and welfare, cannot fail to produce the most satisfactory results. The large number of books, many of them rare and expensive, collected by the members of this Society during the present year, will have a tendency to stimulate more persistent efforts in the same direction during the year to come. Our members now have in their libraries some of the oldest and rarest printed books in existence; and when these collections are brought together they will form one of the most valuable antique libraries in the country.

With these encouragements the Society closes the first year of its existence; and the members feel that they are justified in expressing their complete confidence in the success of this new enterprise.



## PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE YEAR 1876.

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The first annual meeting of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY was held at the residence of Samuel E. Staples, President of the Society, at No. 1 Lincoln Place, Worcester, Mass., January 4th, 1876. At this meeting the following officers were elected:

President, Samuel E. Staples; Vice President, Henry D. Barber; Secretary, Daniel Seagrave; Treasurer, Henry F. Stedman; Librarian, John G. Smith.

The President delivered his address, as follows :

*Gentlemen*—In accepting the position to which by your votes I have been assigned for another year, I desire to return my sincere thanks for the confidence shown and the honor conferred upon me.

Conscious in some measure of the poor qualifications I bring to the performance of the duties of the office, yet with the aid and coöperation that I hope to receive at the hands of every member, I trust and sincerely hope that we shall be able to place this Society upon a sure foundation, and make it an organization the power and usefulness of which shall be acknowledged wherever it may be known.

With gratitude to that Being without whose notice not a sparrow falls to the ground, let us be mindful of His goodness and

mercy to us in the past, and let us strive faithfully in the future to perform with diligence the obligation of each passing hour.

And now as we enter upon the duties of a new year, this Society observes its first anniversary. Thus far of short duration, little experience and few in numbers, some of whom have been classed as "*middle men*,"\* nevertheless the purposes of the organization have been accomplished in the encouragement of historical research and the preservation of historical matter. Associated labor is calculated to produce much greater results than the independent effort of an individual alone. By association we are quickened and incited to greater diligence and stronger effort, consequently more is accomplished than could be done without such united purpose. The advantages of associations like our own are apparent, and no argument is needed to show their importance.

The recent circular from the commissioners of the proposed centennial celebration, recommending that an historical address, having special reference to local history, be delivered in every town or county throughout the land on the coming anniversary of American Independence, and that such productions be preserved and bound together by States, forming a grand history of our country, is a judicious and wise suggestion, and should have the hearty support of every patriot and every historical society throughout our vast domain.

Since the institution of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, Jan. 24th, 1875, twelve meetings have been held, including three preliminary meetings. These have been occasions of considerable interest to those who have been present, and not without beneficial results. Matters relating to the association have been discussed, new members have been admitted from time to time, and reports of the acquisitions have been made, showing in the aggregate not less than 1000 volumes and 1500 pamphlets,† besides numerous portraits, autographs and coins.

One pleasant feature of our association has been in holding the meetings of the Society at the dwellings of the members, thus affording an opportunity for a better acquaintanceship of the members and the examination of their libraries, by which we have been

\* Vide Proceedings American Antiquarian Society, Oct. 21, 1874.

†So far as reported, 1812 volumes and 1586 pamphlets

instructed and entertained, and some exchanges have been effected to mutual advantage.

It would doubtless have been an easy matter to greatly increase our membership, but our purpose has been to admit only those who are especially interested in the objects of the association, and who will add to its interests by hearty coöperation in our endeavors to promote its usefulness. Numbers do not constitute true strength; this only results from earnest, active effort on the part of those who are associated together for a common purpose.

Having thus far reviewed the brief history of our Society, let us now inquire what it shall be in the future. Shall it go on increasing in usefulness and multiplying its numbers, or shall it be suffered to languish and die, failing to meet the demands of the place and the times? I think you will agree with me in saying it ought to and must be sustained.

I venture to affirm that not one who has helped the Society through its first year of existence would be willing to see it fall to the ground as unripe fruit, unfit for a place among the honored societies of the land, having a kindred purpose in their life and continuance with our own.

This Society is not alone in laboring under embarrassments in the early stages of its existence; and we should not therefore be discouraged, for a brighter day is sure to dawn if we prove faithful to the trust now imposed upon us.

We should receive a new impetus from the inspiration of this centennial year, and strive with renewed diligence and energy to do our part in treasuring up the records of the past and being prepared to transmit to posterity that which we have obtained.

In the language of another, "our first and great object is to rescue from the past all that is valuable in regard to New England (and I will add our whole country), and to preserve all that may in any way contribute to the history and renown of her people."

To rescue from the past—that is one of the fundamental principles of this Society. O that we knew more of the past—more concerning those noble men, the fathers of our republic, who a hundred years ago were striving and toiling here to establish a government that should bless and elevate mankind and make them free.

While we cannot know all we desire, yet history reveals unto us enough to kindle anew our patriotism and lead us to a greater, a deeper and truer devotion to the interests of our common country. To rescue from the past—that shall be our motto. Let nothing worthy of preservation be lost, but gather up the threads of history, weave them together, and let them be preserved through all coming time.

But why so anxious about the past? Is it not the future that most concerns us? Most truly it is; but only as we rightly know and estimate the past shall we learn wisdom for the future. The noble, patriotic and Christian example of our worthy sires shall be a pattern for us, in so far as they were exemplars of all that is good and true in man, and we will strive to imitate their virtues and avoid their errors.

Having thus briefly considered the interests, purposes and design of this association, let us as we now start anew in life's pilgrimage, ever strive faithfully to perform our part of its duties, so that the world around us may be better for the work we may have done.

At this meeting the matter of printing the proceedings of the Society was referred to a committee consisting of Daniel Seagrave, Richard O'Flynn and Franklin P. Rice, who reported at the next meeting in favor of printing the proceedings, but final action was deferred till March 7th, 1876, when the subject was indefinitely postponed, and a committee consisting of Daniel Seagrave, Henry D. Barber and James A. Smith was appointed to take into consideration the expediency of printing the Constitution and By-Laws. After investigating the matter, it was thought expedient to revise the Constitution, and at the regular meeting held October 3d, 1876, a committee consisting of Samuel E. Staples, Daniel Seagrave and Ellery B. Crane was appointed to make such revision;

and at the meeting held November 11th the committee was enlarged by adding to its number Clark Jillson and James A. Smith.

This committee held several meetings, and at the last meeting of the year, held December 5th, 1876, at the residence of John G. Smith, 58 Lincoln street, the committee reported a revised Constitution, which was considered, approved and laid over till the next meeting for final adoption.

At the meeting held May 2d, 1876, a committee consisting of Franklin P. Rice, Richard O'Flynn and Augustus Stone was appointed to draw up and forward resolutions to Henry B. Anthony, Senator in Congress from Rhode Island, thanking him, in the name of the Society, for securing the passage of a bill in Congress having for its object the placing of the public documents within the reach of the people; and at the meeting of June 6th the committee reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to the Hon. Henry B. Anthony for the introduction of the bill providing for the sale and better distribution of the Public Documents.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be entered upon the records of the Society, and that a copy be forwarded to Senator Anthony.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the above, and received the following reply:

PROVIDENCE, May 17, 1876.

DEAR SIR—Your note of the 12th was forwarded to me from Washington. Please express to the Society my thanks for the complimentary resolution of which you apprise me.

Yours, very respectfully,

H. B. ANTHONY.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq., Secretary.

At the same meeting, Charles R. Johnson read an interesting paper on the "Vestiges of Ancient American Civilization," as follows:

*Gentlemen of The Worcester Society of Antiquity*—I would invite your attention a short time this evening to the subject of American archaeology. The study of the antiquities of any nation, to whatever period of time or to whatever part of the world that nation belongs, is always an entertaining one; but the investigation becomes doubly interesting when it relates to our own ancestors, or to the remains of other races which once flourished where we now dwell. Hence we should all have a special concern in the topic before us.

In considering the ancient civilization of America, I shall confine myself to the localities where the remains are most extensive, viz.: Mexico, including Yucatan, Central America and Peru; and I shall devote my time to the discussion of three questions: First, How high a degree of civilization is indicated? Secondly, How far back does that civilization date? and, thirdly, Who were its authors?

Beginning, then, with the first question, it should be said at the outset that very different grades of skill are to be noticed in different places. The best specimens of workmanship are seen in Yucatan and Central America. Proceeding northward, the ruins decrease in importance. Travelling to the south, one has to go as far as Ecuador before making valuable discoveries, but neither there nor in Peru are the remains equal to those of Guatemala or Yucatan. You have all heard of the ruined cities of America; most of you have probably read the graphic accounts of them given by Stephens and Squier, hence it would be very much out of place for me here to rehearse what those eminent authors have said; but I will briefly describe a few of the important works of the ancient people, in order that we may get some idea of their skill and draw an inference as to their condition.

At Palenque, in the Mexican State of Chiapa, there are some remarkable ruins. The most noticeable of these is a building called the "Palace." It is situated on a terraced pyramid, forty feet high. This building is 228 feet long, 180 feet wide,

and 25 feet high. It has 14 doorways on each side and 11 at each end. It was built of hewn stone, carefully laid in mortar. Around the edifice was a corridor 9 feet wide, roofed by a pointed arch. There are four interior courts, one of which measures 70 by 80 feet. These courts are surrounded by corridors, the architectural work of which is richly decorated. The piers around the courts are "covered with figures in stucco, or plaster, which, when broken, reveals six or more coats or layers, each revealing traces of painting." The sculptures are very finely executed. Another edifice at Palenque, called La Cruz, is so wonderfully ornamented that Captain Dupaix declares: "It is impossible to describe adequately the interior decorations of this sumptuous temple;" and speaking of its broken statues, Stephens says: "In justness of proportion and symmetry they must have approached the Greek models." Captain Richard Stewart, a recent traveller in Mexico, describes some wonderful ruins which he saw near Multipec, in the State of Guadalajara. These ruins are situated on a high plateau, and extend over a space of more than twenty-five acres. The most prominent among the remains is a quadrilateral pyramid 500 feet square and 100 feet in height. On the side of the pyramid facing the east is an arched doorway 39 feet high and 27 feet in width, flanked by immense sphinxes standing on marble pedestals. There are two marble pillars 45 feet high in front of each sphinx. These pillars are ornamented with finely-carved figures and are covered with hieroglyphics. Passing the grand entrance, one comes upon a stately hall, 53 by 90 feet, the walls of which are adorned with sculptured figures and hieroglyphics. The ceiling is supported by twelve marble pillars, six on each side, which are also covered with carvings. Four doors lead from this hall into smaller rooms, which it is supposed, from the character of the interior, were used as resting places of the dead. There are also doorways which lead from the main hall to flights of stone steps descending to subterranean chambers.

In the State of Oaxaca a monument has been found which undoubtedly was once used as an astronomical observatory. This is a granite rock hewed into the shape of a pyramid, at the top of which is a level space, whence a fine view of the heavens can be had. On one side of the rock are carved astronomical figures, and

among these is the form of a man gazing at the sky through a telescope. There is strong evidence among the ruins that the ancient people did not neglect athletic exercises. A good example of this is shown in the Gymnasium or Tennis Court at Chicken Itza, in Yucatan, a structure formed by two parallel walls 274 feet long, 30 feet thick and 120 feet apart. In the middle of these walls, and opposite each other, are two stone rings 4 feet in diameter, and having at the centre an aperture 19 inches in diameter. These rings are 20 feet from the ground. The space between these walls was beyond question used for games, but what kind of games we cannot tell.

Thus far I have spoken only of the remains in North America, but those in South America are also very important. The city of Cuzco was defended by immense stone fortresses, the walls of which were so massive as to make it appear incredible to the conquerors that they could have been raised by human hands. The Temple of the Sun at Cuzco was a structure of extraordinary size and magnificence, having "a circuit of more than four hundred paces." A section of its walls still exist, forming a part of the Convent of St. Domingo. At Tiahuanaco there evidently once existed a great city. Cieça de Leon, describing this place, says: "There are stones so large and so overgrown that our wonder is excited, it being incomprehensible how the power of man could have placed them where we see them. They are variously wrought, and some having the form of men must have been idols. Near the walls are many caves and excavations under the earth, but in another place further west are other and greater monuments, such as large gateways with hinges, platforms and porches, each made of a single stone. It surprised me to see these enormous gateways, made of great masses of stone, some of which were thirty feet long, fifteen feet high and six thick." The great roads of Peru may, however, be regarded as the greatest monuments of the old race. One of them extended from Quito to Chili; another led from Cuzco to the coast. They were from twenty to twenty-five feet wide, and were built on a foundation of masonry. In some places they were paved, in others macadamized. Mr. Baldwin, in speaking of these roads, observes that "the builders of our Pacific Railroad, with their superior engineering skill and mechan-

ical appliances, might reasonably shrink from the cost and the difficulties of such a work as this. Extending from one degree north of Quito to Cuzco, and from Cuzco to Chili, it was quite as long as the two Pacific railroads, and its wild route among the mountains was far more difficult." Is any further proof needed that a people who could undertake and complete works like this, and the others I have alluded to, were in a very advanced state of civilization?

I now come to the second question, How far back does this civilization date? Those who follow the generally received chronology are inclined to speak of the American ruins as of no very great age. They would make it appear that this continent, nay, that the world itself, has been peopled but a few thousand years, and that all civilization must have grown up in that time. The researches of scholars among the antiquities of Egypt, Assyria and India, as well as the discoveries of science, have established the falsity of this notion as to the Eastern Hemisphere, and I think that it may be shown to be equally untrue in regard to the Western Hemisphere. Great cities are not built in a day. Progress in science and art is of slow growth, and it is only by gradual stages that a people is raised from savagery to a state of refinement. Yucatan, Chiapa and Guatemala were covered by a dense forest when Cortez conquered Mexico, and this forest then had every appearance of having stood there for centuries. It is here that are found the most striking remains of the lost race. Here are Copan, Mitla and Palenque, or rather here are the shattered remnants of their former grandeur. If the rise of civilization is gradual, so also is its decay. How many centuries, then, must have elapsed since these cities were in their prime! How many more since the date of their foundation! Nay, further, to what remote time shall we assign the foundation of the cities which preceded these, and of whose existence there is the strongest evidence? For, as Brasseur de Bourbourg says, "among the edifices forgotten by time in the forests of Mexico and Central America, we find architectural characteristics so different from each other that it is as impossible to attribute them all to the same people as to believe they were all built at the same epoch." The condition of the remains themselves bears positive testimony to their great age.

Nothing is left but what is least destructible. Even the massive stone buildings themselves have mostly crumbled away, and only a few remain to attest the glory of their founders. Every wooden structure, every tool, every article of furniture, every household utensil, except something earthen or stone, has disappeared. The period of time required for such a process of obliteration must be very extended indeed. All civilized peoples have a literature which, while it exists, gives a full account of their history. The ancient Americans *had* a literature, but unhappily it was almost entirely destroyed by monkish bigotry. From the little that remains we are enabled to gain a few facts regarding the history of its authors. It appears that here, as in the Old World, one nation succeeded another in influence and power, only to be in its turn supplanted by a third, and thus in regular order. The prominent people mentioned in this succession are the Chichemees, the Colhuas, the Toltees and the Aztecs. Under the head of Chichemees seem to be included all the original barbarous inhabitants of the country. They were followed by the Colhuas, who were the founders of the original civilization. The Toltecs came into the country about ten centuries before the Christian era, and established themselves in the place of the Colhuas. The oldest certain date in the Toltec history is 955 B. C. This was when the conquerors made a division of the land; whence the inference that they began to arrive about 1000 B. C. The Toltecs had a long lease of power, but eventually, weakened by misgovernment and broken up by dissensions, they were forced to give place to the Aztecs, who appeared on the scene about two hundred and fifty years before the Spanish invasion, and continued to rule the country till they were subdued by Cortez. Thus much for the history, as recorded in the American annals. It is but just to say that this account seems to be in some respects corroborated by the Phoenician and Tyrian writers, especially in regard to the antiquity and civilization of the American races; for they record instances of ships being driven across the Atlantic and finding a land "watered by several navigable streams and beautified with many gardens of pleasure, planted with divers sorts of trees and an abundance of orchards. The towns are adorned with stately buildings and banqueting houses, pleasantly situated in their gardens and orchards." The time when these ships were driven across could

hardly have been later than 700 B. C., and was probably considerably earlier. I think I have shown that the civilization in North America is of a very ancient date. By a parity of reasoning, this may be proved in regard to South America. There, too, the old structures have nearly all perished, time having brought everything possible to ruin. There, again, may be collected fragments of early history, which, when put together, go to show that the country was inhabited by an intelligent race as early as 2500 B. C.

Science also lends its aid to assist in solving the question of antiquity; but as usual, when science interferes in such matters, we are carried back an almost indefinite distance. Professor Orton, in his work on "The Andes and the Amazon," makes the following remarkable declaration: "Geology and archaeology are combining to prove that Sorato and Chimborazo have looked down upon a civilization far more ancient than that of the Incas, and perhaps coeval with the flint flakes of Cornwall and the shell-mounds of Denmark. On the shores of Lake Titicaca are extensive ruins which antedate the advent of Manco-Capac, and may be as venerable as the lake dwellings of Geneva. Wilson has traced six terraces in going up from the sea through the province of Esmeraldas toward Quito, and underneath the living forest, which is older than the Spanish invasion, many gold, copper and stone vestiges of a lost population were found. In all cases these relics are found below high tide mark, in a bed of marine sediment, from which he infers that this part of the country formerly stood higher above the sea. If this be true, vast must be the antiquity of these remains, for the upheaval and subsidence of the coast is exceedingly slow." I can but think that this estimation puts the origin of civilization far enough back to satisfy the most enthusiastic student of American archaeology.

The third and last question, Who were the authors of this civilization? next demands our attention. This is a subject about which there has long been much dispute. Able scholars have discussed the matter with a great display of learning, and self-supposed scholars have often made it the occasion of a great display of ignorance. All sorts of theories have been advanced. Tall folios have been written to show that the American races are descended from the "lost tribes of Israel," as witness Lord Kingsborough's works. Other volumes have been prepared with a view

to establish the fact that the Phœnicians settled this continent. Still other books attribute this work to the Malays. Mr. C. G. Leland, an Englishman, recently made a very labored effort to prove that ancient America was indebted to the Chinese for its civilization, and, in strange contrast to this, Mr. Charles W. Brooks, an American, last year read a paper before the San Francisco Academy of Sciences, in which he attempted to show that the Chinese race derived its origin from the Peruvians. These theories are all built upon very slender foundations, if foundation they may be said to have at all. A stray word here, an obscure custom there, and an odd instrument somewhere else are, in most cases, all they have to depend upon. What if the Phœnicians and Malays *did* have communication with this continent in prehistoric times? Does it necessarily follow from that that they peopled it or gave it its civilization? England and France, separated only by a narrow channel, have had constant communication with each other for a thousand years, the respective races of each remaining the same, and yet the English have not anglicized France, nor have the French gallicized England. How small, then, must have been the effect upon the character and condition of the people of two continents, thousands of miles apart, of the scanty intercourse brought about by the occasional visits of trading ships! As to the "lost tribes of Israel," there is not the slightest historical evidence that they ever left Asia, nor has anything worthy the name of proof been discovered in this country to indicate that they were ever here. Besides, as Mr. Baldwin justly remarks, "such a journey" as that required to bring them here, "had it been possible, would have resulted in utter barbarism rather than any notable phase of civilized life." If we thus reject all the old theories, it may well be asked how we account for the presence of man on this continent, and to whom we ascribe the construction of the great works before mentioned. To this I answer that, for myself, I am inclined to adopt the "Atlantic Theory," which is based on the supposition that there formerly existed an extension of the American continent reaching out toward the east from what is now the Gulf of Mexico, and almost meeting Europe; that upon this peninsula or continent there existed in prehistoric times a very cultured people; that it was, in fact, the cradle of the civilization of the world; that thence men went out to subdue and civilize the

rest of the earth; that by a tremendous cataclysm this land was engulfed, disappearing beneath the sea; that a few of the people escaped, and were the originators of the civilization of Mexico, Central America and Peru; that portions of the submerged territory afterward rose, forming the islands known as the Antilles. Brasseur de Bourbourg is the great exponent of this theory. This learned Frenchman spent many years in Mexico and Central America, studying among the ruins. He became master of the Maya language, and succeeded in translating the old books and in deciphering some of the inscriptions. He found abundant references to the cataclysm in the ancient manuscripts which he discovered and in the sculptures everywhere visible in the deserted cities. What is stranger still, he asserts that many of the rites practiced by the natives to-day, and which he personally observed, have special reference to the great convulsion. The common people do not know the meaning of these rites, but the priests keep the secret. Brasseur also cites several of the old Greek authors to show that the nations of the Eastern continent in ancient times had dealings with Atlantis.

I would have liked much to have discussed this theory at length, thus giving a juster account of it, but it is not possible to do so in the brief space allotted to this essay. Indeed, to treat of the subject worthily would require the whole of a separate paper, and therefore I will not attempt a further review of it here.

It has been my endeavor to show in these pages that the remains found in various parts of the continent attest that there once lived here a race of men far advanced in the arts of civilized life; that that race can be traced back to a very distant epoch; and that its origin is not to be ascribed to any of the sources which it has been the custom of most writers on this subject to point out. I am deeply sensible that these questions have been treated of very inadequately in this essay, but I trust that the lack of skill shown here will be the means of inciting other and abler investigators to research in this direction.

In closing, I desire to express my obligation to Hon. John D. Baldwin, whose work on "Ancient America" has greatly assisted in the preparation of this paper.

At a special meeting held June 9th, 1876, the Society voted not to accept the invitation to join in the public procession at the Centennial celebration on the Fourth of July, as many of its members were already engaged for duty on that day.

At the regular meeting held Sept. 12th, 1876, the following paper on "Genealogy" was read by Ellery B. Crane:

*Mr. President, and Members of The Worcester Society of Antiquity*  
—Genealogy, the history of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor, is to me a subject of particular interest; and out of my limited study of family histories has grown a desire to know something of the records of the past concerning the different races who have inhabited the earth, and particularly that ancient and unknown people who have left behind them on this American continent (as Mr. Baldwin tells us) "such lasting monuments of a certain degree of civilization." The very able and interesting essay read by Mr. C. R. Johnson at our meeting held on the evening of June 6th of the present year gave us much information concerning this ancient race; yet it left us, as no doubt it left him, thirsting after more knowledge relating to that antique people.

This same mental thirst for additional facts, either in the direction of the history of races or of families, stimulated now and then by a fresh, invigorating draught of information brought to light through the exploration of some old musty, time-worn town or church record, or it may be from the writings of some ancient English, French or Spanish traveller, or perchance it may be from a personal examination of the old ruins themselves, is perhaps one cause of the interest taken in ancient history, whether of men or nations. Yet from the remotest ages there has always existed among civilized people (and to some extent among the uncivilized) a desire to trace one's lineage and perpetuate its knowledge; it seems, therefore, a principle of our nature. One of our prominent genealogists has said that among all the motives which operate on the human mind few exert more influence than those drawn from history. If the intellectual, social and moral condition of nations

rich in historical recollections be compared with that of a people chiefly or wholly destitute of them, the difference will be found to be vast and striking. The strength of England and the United States is fed continually by memories of Cressy and Agincourt, of Bunker Hill and Saratoga, while long centuries of darkness and bondage have enfeebled the Chinese and the Irish. What is true of nations is also true of families. There is scarcely to be found an intelligent, public-spirited, virtuous man who can safely deny that his motives to virtue and patriotism are not strongly reinforced by the consideration (if such were the fact) that his ancestors were brave and upright men. With Webster, let us believe that there is a moral and philosophical respect for one's ancestors which elevates the character and improves the heart. Burke truly said, "Those only deserve to be remembered by posterity who treasure up the history of their ancestors."

*Our American ancestry* is certainly rich in moral strength. What we are to-day depends, to a very great extent, upon what our ancestors were before us. We are moulded largely after them. Let no man place dishonor on his ancestry, but rather let it be his solemn duty to *ever* hold it in high regard. How grand the accomplishment for a person to be able to consider what his forefathers were; what they did one, two or three hundred years ago; what part they took in matters of Church or State—for there is no family without its ideal man. The history of a *nation* is largely made up of incidents of heroism or patriotism performed by its people, and really it is no more nor less than a collective history of the families composing that nation. Thus we see that by the writing of family memorials we are able to perpetuate the nation's history, and at the same time connect those families with the great transactions of the past, enabling posterity to detect what their ancestors had to do with the successive portions of the nation's life.

The publication of these pedigrees, and the holding of family meetings, or reunions as they are sometimes called, has a salutary effect; it tends to bring members of the family together and to bind them more closely in bonds of fraternal love and esteem. I have been a witness to good results from these family gatherings, and have taken great pleasure in bringing face to face relatives

who might never have seen each other had it not been for the family reunion, and doubtless would never have known of each other if the family history had not been written. I have met persons who came hundreds of miles to attend a meeting of this kind, hoping that there perhaps they might be able to see, or at least gain some knowledge concerning a relative whose whereabouts for years had been unknown to them, and in almost every instance success crowned their effort.

All persons that have given much attention to family histories have become deeply impressed with the varied relationships running through the different families—how they are, as it were, woven together by marriage, one family with another. The effect is really peculiar. The descendants of families who were neighbors and intimate friends two hundred years ago find themselves to-day husband and wife. The rapidity with which they multiply seems almost incredible. In two hundred years, from one progenitor, the Rawson family increased to over seven thousand persons, including the intermarriages.

To many persons genealogy is an uninteresting subject, and slow to attract their attention; but, nevertheless, it has its ardent supporters, and not a few persons are to be found laboring studiously within this branch of historical record. They are doing a splendid work for posterity, who, in the coming ages, will rise up and call them blessed. My little experience has proven that the middle-aged persons and those past the prime of life are the most ready to take interest and render assistance in this kind of work. The younger people have so much to turn their minds in other channels, that not until they have taken upon themselves the more serious part of life and mastered many of its weighty problems, so that they begin to realize what this life means, that we should not live for mere self—then there comes the interest to be felt in others, and genealogical subjects are more readily taken up. Educated, thoughtful, representative men are always found ready to give their attention to this theme, so far as circumstances will admit. A man must, indeed, entertain a very low estimate for ancestral worth, and show very little regard for those noble patriarchs who spent their lives in improving and perfecting the institutions which are to be so much enjoyed by every successive gene-

ration, if he is not willing, either with his time or money, to encourage the publication of family pedigrees, and the influence arising from such unwillingness cannot work for good upon the minds of *his children* or those that come after them.

Among the first questions that press themselves upon the mind of the genealogist for solution, these are perhaps the most prominent: Who were our first progenitors? From whence did they come? When did they arrive in this country? What was their condition in the old country? When, where and how did they live? What were their occupations? What their characteristics, physical, moral? What position in society did they sustain? What (if any) were the principal incidents of their lives? These and many more must arise. But how and where can the answers be obtained? Those who have had the most experience are the best prepared to point out the way of solution. I do not claim to have had sufficient practical acquaintance with the subject to be able to dictate largely to others, but perhaps I can, in a general way, make some suggestions and give some hints that will prove of service to those of you who may enter upon this interesting yet mysterious, and sometimes almost fruitless, voyage.

The answer to the first question, Who was our first progenitor? and perhaps to some of the others that follow, may be found in tradition. Many persons are able to tell you they are descended from Baronet or Sir Knight So-and-So, General Brown or Capt. Smith, who, years gone by, served his country with distinction and renown; but about anything intermediate between that period and the record of their own family, they know nothing and care little. But this man, so proud of his nobility as to cherish and pass down to his children the name of their progenitor, renders valuable service in furnishing the family genealogist with the key-note to a melody which may gladden the hearts of thousands of their fellow kin. After personal inquiries among the eldest surviving members of the family, should tradition fail to furnish the coveted solution, then search for the family records, and trace them back to the fountain head. "Hotten's List of Emigrants to America" may perhaps give the name and time of arrival in this country. This book of Hotten's gives the names of a large number of persons who went from Great Britain to the American plantations from

the year 1600 to 1700, with their ages, locations, where they formerly lived in the mother country, and names of the ships in which they embarked, taken from manuscript records preserved in the Public Records Office, London, by John C. Hotten, and published in 1874.

It is very difficult to obtain satisfactory accounts of their condition in the mother country, and also where and how they lived, without visiting the old localities and examining the records that may be found there.

Histories of nearly if not all the counties in England have been published, some of them, I am told, entering largely into family pedigrees, and they are very much needed by American genealogists, in order that the connecting links between the old English stock and the early settlers of the New England colonies may be better adjusted and understood. At the present time very few of these county histories are to be found in the United States. But Congress has taken the matter in hand, and an order has been passed to have them purchased for our National Library, where they may be consulted. Indexes to some of these histories are to be found in some American libraries, but they are by no means common. I anticipate that the wants of many persons who are anxious to find records of their ancestry in England will be gratified when a complete set of English county histories shall have become the property and in the possession of a public library on this side of the water.

There are some standard books for genealogical reference to be found at the Antiquarian Library of our city, such as the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, numbering some thirty volumes; Dr. Savage's Genealogical Dictionary; Henry Bond's family memorials and genealogies of the families and descendants of the early settlers of Watertown, Mass.; Genealogical Notes, by Goodwin; Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England, by John Farmer; Vinton Memorials, by John A. Vinton; Littell's First Settlers of the Passaic Valley; also a very long list of county and town histories. The public owe a debt for the use of the library of the American Antiquarian Society that they never can well repay. There are by actual count 200 county and town histories containing genealogical notices

of the early settlers, some of them quite extended, and many, if not the greater part of them, can be found in our Antiquarian Library.

Daniel S. Durrie, Librarian of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, has published an alphabetic index to American genealogies and pedigrees. You will find in this index, under the name sought for, a reference given to numerous histories and works of other kinds, where perhaps the desired information may be found. There also has been prepared a catalogue of family histories by William H. Whittemore. The first edition appeared in 1862, under the title, "Handbook of American Genealogy;" the second in 1868, under the present title, "American Genealogist," which was again republished in 1875. From this catalogue reference can be had to all the American family genealogies that had been published up to the month of June, 1875.

In addition to the works already mentioned for reference, there are the numerous family histories, of which a large number can be examined at this Antiquarian Library. When unable to satisfy your desire from these family, town and county histories, then the original manuscript records of towns and church societies, where any member or your family has been a resident, must be carefully examined for births, deaths, marriages, etc. It is well to look over the probate records and registry of deeds to see what can be found there; also the inscriptions on head-stones in our old burial grounds. If all the records upon the ancient tomb-stones, marking the final resting places of our forefathers, could be transcribed before they are forever lost, it would save to posterity a valuable register, and the pen of the future genealogist would render homage to the transcriber. Already many of those pristine monuments that were standing over the dust of those once noble sires have become weakened by the decay of ages, and wherever the slab is found on the sacred spot the characters have become so obliterated by the collection of lichen and rust as to place them almost beyond recognition. A few records of this kind can be found in the Historical and Genealogical Register, but it is a source of much regret that more of them have not been preserved.

In searching records made in the early days of our colonial settlements, a peculiarity about the dates may be noticed. Our Puri-

tan forefathers began their year with March for the first month, and the succeeding months were represented by successive numbers. This was called the Old Style legal year in England, and in use previous to the year 1752.

At the present time the town and city records of births, deaths and marriages are kept with such systematic thoroughness throughout New England, and particularly in the State of Massachusetts, that the future collector of family pedigrees will have comparatively an easy task from the present time forward, so long as the same system of registration shall be continued.

The practice adopted by many of our colleges, of keeping a record of the lives of their sons and perpetuating the prominent points in their history, will exert a good influence over them, and, in the future, prove a very valuable reference for the family genealogist.

To obtain records of a more recent date, it will be necessary, so far as possible, to have the names and the post-office address of all persons bearing the same patronymic, to gain which it will be found profitable to consult all the town, city, county and State directories, reference books of the mercantile agencies, and all other books that you can find access to, out of which you would be quite sure of acquiring a good list. In the meantime circulars could be printed, with blank spaces, to send to each person on your list, that they may fill out the blanks and return them; and it is very important that these circulars be so formed that the manner of filling up the blanks will be readily understood by those to whom they are sent, and when properly filled the information will be complete and comprehensive. Caution should be given against writing obscurely, for it sometimes happens that records not clearly written in the original manuscript cause serious errors in the printed page, impairing its value and producing dissatisfaction in the family where the inaccuracy occurs.

A work of this kind requires much time for preparation. It never should be hurried through. Success depends on its thoroughness and accuracy. Discouragements in various forms will present themselves, but with a firm determination to conquer any obstacle that stands in your way, success will at last be the reward for your labor.

Genealogical subjects did not occupy the minds of the early settlers of our New England colonies to any great extent. They were more thoughtful for the safety and welfare of their families, the enjoyment of their religious liberty, and the success of their settlements, than the publication of independent family histories. They rather preferred making their record in one grand colonial history, where each family might be represented by their self-sacrifice and devotion of life for liberty and true patriotism.

The earliest genealogy, in a distinct form, published in the United States is believed to be that of Mr. Samuel Stebbins and Hannah, his wife, from the year 1707 to the time of its publication in Hartford, Ct., in 1771, containing 24 pages, and printed by Ebenezer Watson. But one other (that of the Chauncey family, in 1787,) was published previous to 1806. From 1806 to the year 1850, 44 years, about 79 were published; within the next 10 years 63 genealogies were printed; and in the 10 years succeeding 1870, 242 came from the printer's hands; during the five years previous to 1875 (at which time my record ceases) 135 were issued, showing that there has been steadily developed a growing interest in this kind of work; and I anticipate that the number of genealogical publications for the five years ending in 1880 will far outrank that of the same period of five years preceding it.

As to the arrangement of matter for publication, style to be adopted, etc., there are almost as many different modes as there are books, for each compiler in the past seems to have carried out a peculiar arrangement of his own, many of them being rather difficult to comprehend. But of late a certain state of perfection has been attained by some of our best compilers, and their diction has been imitated by others, always, however, subject to some slight change to meet certain requirements that the work might present. The more clear and plain the style, the more readily it will be understood and appreciated. I prefer the method of arranging each generation in regular order by itself, and one generation after the other, with consecutive numbers prefixed and suffixed for reference, both forward and back, to the several names when they occur—as parent or child. The value of such records it is hardly possible to estimate, and the various connections and relationships that are developed by working out these family his-

tories gives satisfaction to many a restless desire. In collecting material for the Rawson family memorial, persons were found who had lost all knowledge of some brother, uncle or cousin, who, through the working of some unforeseen change of events, had passed beyond reach of each other. In almost every instance, the persons themselves or their children were brought into communication with each other again.

If your patience will allow me, I would like to cite one instance which will perhaps better illustrate my meaning of the value to be placed on such pedigrees. Some of you may recall an article that appeared in the Worcester *Daily Spy*, some months ago, relating to a Mr. Rawson, surgeon in the United States navy during the war of 1812. The close of that war found him in the port of Buenos Ayres, South America. He went into one of the interior provinces of what is now called the Argentine Republic, and settled in the city of Mendoza, capital of the province of Mendoza. Here he married a Spanish lady and became the father of two sons. In January, 1847, he died, after having devoted nearly thirty years of his life for the advancement of the best interests of the community where he lived and the education of his children. The eldest of them became an artist of some note in his own country, and died in 1871. The other son, Dr. Guillermo Rawson, now 55 years of age, is a graduate of both the University and Medical College of Buenos Ayres; was Minister Secretary of the Interior under General Mitre, receiving his appointment in 1862, and at present filling several posts of honor and trust, such as Senator in the Argentine Congress, Professor of Public Hygiene in the Medical Faculty of Buenos Ayres, Chairman of the Board of Consulting Physicians of the Sanitary Institute in that city, and also delegate to the International Medical Congress, which has just closed its session at Philadelphia. All the old family letters and papers belonging to the senior Dr. Rawson had been destroyed by fire before the sons were of sufficient age to remember their contents, and at their father's death all knowledge of their ancestry was lost; so that this educated, thinking man found himself without information concerning his progenitors beyond his own father, except he remembered that his father came from New England, and for the past ten or twelve years, through his own efforts as

well as those of his friends, he had been trying to connect himself with some branch of the family here, but all to no purpose, and the matter had been dropped. But last Fall it was my privilege to find the connecting link, and I at once apprised him of the fact, at Buenos Ayres. The expression of joy and satisfaction that came in return from him in his letter to me, fully repaid me for the trouble I had taken in his behalf. This connection, doubtless, never would have been revealed had it not been for the republication of the Rawson memorial. It was the direct means of bringing about this happy result.

This centennial year will offer a rich harvest for the genealogist, as well as the historian. It has already awakened fresh interest in historical matters relating to our country, and genealogy must receive its share of attention.

A committee, consisting of Ellery B. Crane, Albert A. Lovell and Franklin P. Rice, was appointed to copy the inscriptions on the tombstones in Mechanic street and other old burial grounds in and about the city. At the meeting held November 11th, 1876, the above named committee made a partial report, stating that they have copied and arranged alphabetically more than 300 inscriptions, and that they propose to add short biographical sketches in a large number of cases. A final and complete report will not be made for some time to come.

At the close of 1876, we find that there is an increased interest being manifested on the part of our members and others in the advancement of the objects of the society, giving promise of a successful work in the years before us.

With abundant hope of future successes we finish the record of the year with a good measure of preparation for the labors and pleasures that await us.



# PROCEEDINGS

FOR THE YEAR 1877.

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The annual meeting was held at the residence of Samuel E. Staples, No. 1 Lincoln Place, Jan. 2d, 1877.

The revised Constitution, presented at the last regular meeting in 1876, was read by the Secretary and adopted.

The President then made a few congratulatory remarks relating to the progress of the Society during the past two years, stating that he deemed it unnecessary to make any formal address, as the entire ground would be covered by the annual reports of the several officers.

The Reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian were read and placed on file.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of The Worcester Society of Anti-quity:*

The Secretary, in reviewing the history and proceedings of the Society during the past two years, will not attempt any elaboration, but confine himself to a simple narration of facts, regretting that this duty should have fallen upon him for its performance, rather than upon another better qualified.

## FIRST YEAR—1875.

The first preliminary meeting of this Society was held at the residence of Samuel E. Staples, No. 1 Lincoln Place, January 24, 1875, agreeably to an invitation given to several gentlemen to meet and consult upon the expediency of forming a society or association, the objects of which should be "to foster in its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science, and to rescue from oblivion such historical matter as would otherwise be lost." There were present at this meeting Samuel E. Staples, John G. Smith, Franklin P. Rice and Richard O'Flynn. The subject of forming a society or association for such purposes was freely discussed, and the unanimously expressed opinion of those present was that such an organization would be useful and its mission beneficial, provided that a sufficient number of persons interested in its objects would unite in its formation, attend its meetings, and contribute to its interest and support. It was decided, before any formal action be taken, that another meeting be called and other persons of similar tastes be invited to be present. At this meeting Samuel E. Staples presented the draft of a Constitution—the substance of the present one—as a basis of the organization.

At the second preliminary meeting, held January 30, 1875, at the office of Tyler & Seagrave, No. 442 Main street, the meeting was organized by the choice of Samuel E. Staples as chairman, and Daniel Seagrave as secretary. There were present Samuel E. Staples, John G. Smith, Franklin P. Rice and Daniel Seagrave.

The subject of forming a society or association, as set forth in the letter of invitation, was considered, and it was unanimously voted to proceed with such purpose. The draft of a Constitution presented at the previous meeting was discussed at length, and subsequently referred to a committee, to report upon the same at a future meeting.

At the third preliminary meeting, held February 13, 1875, at the same place as the previous meeting, the committee to whom was referred the Constitution, made their report upon the same, which, with some slight amendments, was adopted.

At the first regular meeting, held March 2, 1875, at the office of Tyler & Seagrave, 442 Main street, the organization of the Society was completed by the election of the following officers:

SAMUEL E. STAPLES, *President.*  
 HENRY D. BARBER, *Vice President.*  
 DANIEL SEAGRAVE, *Secretary.*  
 HENRY F. STEDMAN, *Treasurer.*  
 JOHN G. SMITH, *Librarian.*

Reports of acquisitions by members to their respective collections have been made from time to time, showing what and how much each had gathered in his specialty.

The aggregate of collections during the first twelve months was quite satisfactory, possibly all that the most hopeful might have had reason to expect. Notwithstanding the paucity of our numbers, more than 1000 volumes and more than 1500 pamphlets, treating upon a great variety of subjects, besides much other valuable miscellaneous matter, such as portraits, views, autographs, coins, medals, etc., have been gathered, from which the history of the past may be written, and which shall be of advantage to the future historian. Among the many works collected are Belknap's History of New Hampshire, 3 vols.; Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts and Barber's Historical Collections; Williams' History of Vermont, 2 vols.; Whitney's History of Worcester County with map, published in 1793, and scores of town histories, historical addresses, etc., many of which are very valuable and hardly attainable at any price.

A good degree of interest has been manifested on the part of the members in their attendance at the meetings. At the close of the first year there were twelve names upon the roll of membership. Twelve meetings (three preliminary, nine regular and special,) have been held, in most cases at the residences of the members, by special invitation, and, although they have been somewhat informal and of a social character, yet they have been profitable and interesting.

#### SECOND YEAR—1876.

The second year of the existence of the Society has not been without its gratifying results—a growing interest, an increase of numbers, and a large average attendance at its meetings.

Two very interesting and instructive essays—one by Mr. Charles R. Johnson, upon the “Vestiges of Ancient American Civilization,”

and the other by Mr. Ellery B. Crane, the subject of which was "Genealogy"—have been read before the Society during the past year, and it is hoped that these may find a place in our Proceedings, whenever the same shall be published.

During the past year the Constitution has been carefully revised, in order to meet the present and prospective wants of the Society.

I have the pleasure to report that the members have made large and varied additions to their respective libraries and collections, numbering in the aggregate nearly 1000 volumes of books, more than 1500 pamphlets, 300 portraits and views, 700 coins and medals, and numerous autographs, etc. It is also gratifying to know that much of this valuable historical matter—much of it gathered from the waste-box, and thus snatched from the jaws of the paper mill—is saved to enrich the literary resources of the city of Worcester.

Among the many rare and valuable volumes secured and deserving mention in this report, many of which are fine specimens of printing and well preserved, are the following:

Piers' Ploughman (written),-----	1362
Sermones Quadraginta, Utino, (illum.) Venice -----	1473
Svetonius De Vita XII. Caesorum,----- Milan-----	1475
De Preceptis (illuminated),----- Venice-----	1478
New Testament (reprint),----- Cologne-----	1526
New Testament (reprint),----- Geneva-----	1557
Daynty Deuises,----- London-----	1576
Breeches Bible (illustrated),----- London-----	1616
Mappe of Rome,----- London-----	1620
David's Teares,----- London-----	1632
Quarles' Emblems (illustrated),----- London-----	1634
Overbury's Wife,----- London-----	1638
Ovid's Metamorphoses,----- London-----	1640
Critica Sacra,----- London-----	1642
Lof Sanck,----- Amsterdam-----	1650
Gondibert,----- London-----	1651
Middle State of Souls,----- London-----	1659
Field's Bible, 2 vols., folio (illustrated),----- Cambridge-----	1660
Muggleton's Works,----- London-----	1661
Works of Jacob Cats (illustrated),----- Amsterdam-----	1665
Theatre of Human Life (illustrated),----- Brussels-----	1672
Clavis Homerius,----- Rotterdam-----	1673
Baxter's Saint's Rest,----- London-----	1688
Meditations of Antoninus,----- London-----	1692

Rome Illustrated,-----	Amsterdam	1695
A Modest Inquiry into the Nature of Witchcraft, Boston, 1697	Boston	1699
A Confession of Faith,-----	Oxford	1703
Law of Nature, and of Nations,-----	London	1707
Remains of Perron,-----	The Hague	1719
Poetical Register, 2 vols. (portraits,)-----	London	1723
Erasmus' Praise of Folly (illustrated,)-----	London	1726
Indian Converts,-----	London	1727
Duncan's Caesar (illustrated,)-----	London	1753
Gay's Fables (illustrated,)-----	London	1755
Walton and Cotton's Angler (illustrated,)-----	London	1759
The Chace (illustrated,)-----	London	1767
Winchester's Poems,-----	Boston	1773
Treatise on Fortifications (illustrated,)-----	London	1774
Laws of Massachusetts,-----	Boston	1790
Bruce's Travels (illustrated,) 5 vols.,-----	Edinburgh	1790
Collins' Poems (illustrated,)-----	London	1798
Religious Emblems (illustrated,)-----	London	1809
Chinese Testament,-----	Canton	1813
Fontaine's Fables (illustrated,)-----	Paris	1813
Chinese Map,-----		

THE OLDEST BOOK IN WORCESTER COUNTY.—“*Sermones Quadragesimales de legibus fratris Leonardi De Utino sacre theologie doctoris.*” This is the title of a large folio volume, containing 800 pages, in Latin, printed on thick paper, without title page or date, as was the case with the first books printed. Upon the back of the cover, which is of wood and covered with hog skin, is the date 1473-5, but it is the opinion of good judges that it is even older than those figures indicate. The leaves are without running title, number of pages, signatures, or divisions into paragraphs. It is printed in ancient black letter, and the words at the ends of lines are not divided by hyphens. It has two columns on each page, with wide margin, and the words are very much abbreviated, with no punctuation marks except the colon and period. Proper names and sentences are begun with small letters, and the name and residence of the printer, as well as the date, were omitted, all of which indicate great antiquity. This book is illuminated from beginning to end, on every page, and is probably the best preserved book of its age in this country.

Since the above was written, it has been ascertained from a work in the American Antiquarian Society's Library that this book was printed at Venice in 1473.

ANOTHER RARITY.—I must not fail to mention an edition of “*Seetoniis De Vita XII. Cæsarum, Mediolani, 1175,*” (Suetonius’ Lives of the Twelve Caesars, published in Milan in 1475.) A brief description I quote somewhat from the language of another.

This work was executed by Philip de Lauagnia, who styled himself the first printer of the Latin race, and was associated for a time with Antonius Zarotus, afterwards with the German Waldorpel, and later with John Bonus. This book, which is a fine specimen of early printing, and in excellent preservation, is printed on heavy paper sized with parchment, a greater portion of the pages being as bright and clean as when they left the press, while on others are annotations in Latin. Space is left throughout the work for illuminated initials to be inserted by hand, which work was never done. It is a quarto, with wide margin, and compares remarkably well with the best specimens of modern printing. From a manuscript note on the fly leaf, the book is supposed to have once belonged to the library of Lord Spencer.

Books published at so early a date are exceedingly rare, it being but about thirty-five years after the first use of metal type with engraved faces. The publication of the Lives of the Caesars precedes by one year the first Greek book ever printed, which was the Greek Grammar of Constantine Lascaris, executed at Milan by Dionysius Paravisinus, in 1476, and by six years the first printed portion of the Holy Scriptures in Greek—viz.: The Psalms—issued there in 1481. There is in the Library of the Athenaeum at Turin a book printed by Philip de Lauagnia in Milan, bearing date of 1469, viz.: “The Miracles of Notre Dame.” The oldest printed volume in possession of the American Antiquarian Society, located in this city, is a Latin translation of Herodotus, printed by Arnold Pennartz, at Rome, in 1475.

Among the rarest of American publications may be mentioned the following original edition: “A Modest Inquiry into the Nature of Witchcraft, and How Persons Guilty of that Crime may be Convicted: And the Means used for their Discovery Disussed, both Negatively and Affirmatively, according to Scripture and Experience. By John Hale, Pastor of the Church of Christ in Beverly. With an Introduction to the work, by John Higginson,

Pastor of the Church in Salem. Anno Domini 1697. *Boston in N. E. Printed by B. Green, and F. Allen, for Benjamin Eliot.*" In the catalogue of Mr. William Menzies' collection this work is classed as EXCESSIVELY RARE, indeed the rarest of all the works relating to the New England Witchcraft Delusion. So far as known, there are but *three* copies of this work extant.

In connection with Eliot's Indian Bible, for rarity, may be mentioned the following work, only *five* copies of which are now known to exist, and are to be found in the libraries of the American Antiquarian Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Prince Library, the collection of the late George Brinley, and in the private collection of Mr. John G. Smith, the Librarian of this Society. This work is printed in English on one page, and on the opposite page in the Indian or Algonkin language, which was the spoken language of the aborigines of New England. It is dedicated "To the Honorable William Stoughton, Esq., Lieutenant GOVERNOUR of His Majestie's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England; and to the Reverend Increase Mather, D. D., Teacher of the Second Church of Christ in Boston, and President of Harvard College in Cambridge." The title is as follows: "A CONFESSION OF FAITH Owned & consented unto by the Elders & Messengers of the Churches Assembled at *Boston in New England*, May 12. 1680. Being the Second Session of that SYNOD.—Eph. 4. 5 [and Col. 2. 5; 3 lines].—BOSTON. Re-printed by *Bartholomew Green, and John Allen.* 1699."

The Indian title page reads as follows :

"Wunnamptamoe SAMPOOLOONK Wussampoowontamun Nashpe moenwchkomunganash ut *New-England*. Qushkenumun en *Indiane* Unnontowaonganit.—Nashpe Grindal Rawson, &c. . . . MUSHAUWOMUK. Printeuun nashpe *Bartholomew Green*, kah *John Allen.* 1699. 16mo."

Another work of more than ordinary interest is entitled : " Indian Converts: or Some Account of the Lives and Dying Speeches of a Considerable Number of the Christianized Indians of Martha's Vineyard, in New England, viz.: I. Of Godly Ministers. II. Of Other Good Men. III. Of Religious Women. IV. Of Pious

Young Persons. By Experience Mayhew, M. A., Preacher of the Gospel to the Indians of that Island. To which is added, Some Account of those English Ministers who have Successively Presided over the Indian work in that and the adjacent Islands. By Mr. Prince. 8°, pp. xxiv., 310, 16. *London: Printed for Samuel Gerrish, in New England. 1727.*"

Such a collection of rarities as the above ought not to be scattered, but, on the other hand, saved complete, to increase the literary wealth of some public institution in our city or county.

The meetings of the Society during the past year have been held as formerly, at the residences of its members. While all have been pleasantly accommodated, and each and all cordially welcomed thereto, wherever the meeting has been held, yet all have felt the need, as our numbers increased, of larger accommodations at some central point, easily accessible to all. It is hoped that the time is not far in the future when the members shall realize all that they have ever anticipated—in having a pleasant and commodious place for holding their meetings, and a good library, with its useful appendages, etc., for their convenience and enjoyment.

The Society has held twelve meetings during the past year, with a fair average attendance of its members at each session.

At this date the Society has a membership of thirty—twenty-seven active and three honorary members.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, *Secretary.*

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2, 1877.

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The meetings of the Society, thus far, having been held at the residences of the members, and the few expenses incurred having been paid by voluntary contributions, up to January 1st, 1877, the duties of the Treasurer have been far from burdensome, as will be seen by the following report:

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., Jan. 2, 1877.

JAMES A. SMITH, *Treasurer pro tem., in account with  
THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.*

1876.	<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>
Cash received of Secretary,		
Daniel Seagrave.....	\$4 00	Cash paid to Tyler & Sea-
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JAMES A. SMITH, *Treasurer pro tem.*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

It is unnecessary to say that this Society was formed for the purpose of collecting books and other historical matter, without the expectation of establishing a library for public consultation, though it was supposed by some that such might be the result at some future day.

During the first year of our existence as a Society, each member made collections for himself, without much reference to the fact that a large portion of the libraries of the several members might be brought together as one; but during the present year such interest has been manifested in our efforts as to warrant the hope that this Society may soon establish a library for public use.

We have received the following donations:

**ALBERT A. LOVELL.**—His “Worcester in the War of the Revolution; Embracing the Acts of the Town of Worcester from 1765 to 1783, inclusive, with an Appendix.”

**ELLERY B. CRANE.**—His “Rawson Family.—A Revised Memoir of Edward Rawson, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay from 1650 to 1686, with Genealogical Notes of his Descendants.”

**HON. CHARLES HUDSON.**—The Dedication of Town and Memorial Hall, Lexington, 1871;” his “Abstract of the History of Lexington, from its First Settlement to the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of our National Independence, July 4th, 1876;” his “Lexington Centennial, 1775 to 1785.”

DANIEL SEAGRAVE.—Three Centennial Exhibition pamphlets.

RICHARD O'FLYNN.—Psalm Book and Record Book.

NATHANIEL PAINE (for the City Committee on Printing the Fourth of July Proceedings.)—"Celebration by the Inhabitants of Worcester, Mass., of the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1876."

CLARK JILLSON.—"Celebration by the Inhabitants of Worcester, Mass., of the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1876, including the Oration of Hon. Benjamin F. Thomas, LL.D., to which are added Historical and Chronological Notes;" "Singing by the Pupils of the Public Schools, July 4th, 1876;" his "Address Delivered at Worcester, Feb. 10th, 1874, at the First Reunion of the Sons of Vermont; together with Toasts, Sentiments, Speeches, Poetry and Song;" his "Valedictory Address, delivered before the City Council of Worcester, December 29th, 1876."

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. SMITH, *Librarian.*

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2, 1877.

The Society then proceeded to elect its officers, as follows:

*President*—SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

*Vice Presidents*—ELLERY B. CRANE, CLARK JILLSON.

*Secretary*—DANIEL SEAGRAVE.

*Treasurer*—JAMES A. SMITH.

*Librarian*—JOHN G. SMITH.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SAMUEL E. STAPLES,  
CLARK JILLSON,

JAMES A. SMITH.

ELLERY B. CRANE,  
DANIEL SEAGRAVE,

#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

ALBERT A. LOVELL, for one year.

FRANKLIN P. RICE, for two years.

CHARLES R. JOHNSON, for three years.

Clark Jillson was appointed a committee of one to take such action as might be necessary to incorpor-

ate the Society under the laws of the Commonwealth, and the Secretary was appointed a committee to prepare a design for a seal.

The Committee on the "Old Burial Grounds" made a partial report in relation to biographical sketches of some of those interred therein, several of which were read by Albert A. Lovell, to the great satisfaction of all present.

The Society then adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday evening of January, 1877, at the residence of Ellery B. Crane, No. 19 Benefit street.

The adjourned annual meeting was held as per adjournment, and the Executive Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the publication of the transactions of the Society had been referred, made the following report, which was adopted :

#### REPORT.

*To the President of The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

The Executive Committee, to whom was referred the matter of printing the Proceedings of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, have attended to the business submitted to them, and report :

That the interests of the Society at the present time seem to require the publication of its Proceedings for the years 1875-'6. Your committee deem it of great importance that this publication should embrace a minute, detailed account of the organization of the Society, giving such facts and dates as may be useful for future reference; and they appointed Clark Jillson, one of their number, to prepare the matter for publication, all of which is now nearly completed.

For the purpose of defraying the expense of this publication, we recommend the levy of an assessment upon the active members of the Society of three dollars each; and that each member paying

such assessment be entitled to two copies, with the right to purchase others at such price as the Society may determine.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL E. STAPLES,  
CLARK JILLSON,  
ELLERY B. CRANE.  
DANIEL SEAGRAVE,  
JAMES A. SMITH.

The committee, Daniel Seagrave, who was appointed for the purpose, presented a design for a Seal, and upon his suggestion it was voted that each member of the Society be invited to prepare a design and present the same for inspection at the next meeting.

The Society voted to levy an assessment upon the members of three dollars each to defray the expense of printing the Proceedings, as recommended by the Executive Committee, and the meeting was then adjourned.

The following letters have been received from those who have been elected honorary members of this Society:

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CAMBRIDGEPORT, Mass., Nov. 27, 1876.

DEAR SIR—Yours of the 24th instant, announcing my election as an honorary member of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY is at hand. I pray you to assure the Society that I fully appreciate the honor thus conferred upon me.

Truly yours,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq., Secretary, etc.

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LEXINGTON, Dec. 30, 1876.

*To Daniel Seagrave, Esq., Secretary of Wor. Society of Antiquity:*

DEAR SIR—Your favor of the 16th, informing me that I have been elected an honorary member of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF

ANTIQUITY, was duly received. I hereby signify my acceptance of the position, and my thanks for the honor conferred upon me. If I can aid you in your object, I shall gladly do it. I send you herewith a small packet of pamphlets.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES HUDSON.

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WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 13, 1877.

*Daniel Seagrave, Esq., Secretary of*

*The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

DEAR SIR—I have received your communication informing me that I have been “unanimously elected an honorary member” of your Society. Allow me, through you, to express my thanks to the Society for this honor and expression of good will. I have full sympathy with the aims of your Society, and I shall find special pleasure in doing what I can to aid it in promoting these aims. I should rejoice to see the disposition to “remember the days that are past,” and to collect, for preservation, memorials of the past generations, much more prevalent than it is now.

Very respectfully, yours,

JOHN D. BALDWIN.

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*Mr. Daniel Seagrave, Secretary,*

DEAR SIR:—I am in receipt of your notice that I have been chosen an Honorary Member of “The Worcester Society of Antiquity.” With my acceptance of the honor, I desire to express to you and your associates my thanks, and my appreciation of your kindness.

Very truly, your friend,

CLARENDON HARRIS.

WORCESTER, Feb'y 17, 1877.

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At the regular meeting held February 6th, at the residence of James A. Smith, No. 31 Wachusett street, several designs for a Seal were presented and

examined. The Secretary was instructed to invite all the members of the Society to prepare and bring designs to his office and express their preference after careful examination of all those presented. The President and Vice-Presidents were appointed a Committee to select a design for a Seal from those to be presented, or make such combination of any two or more as they might think best, and cause a Seal to be engraved therefrom.

Mr. Thomas J. Hastings, Representative to the General Court from Dist. No. 18, presented the Society with ten volumes of public documents.

At the meeting held March 6th, 1877, at the residence of Edward I. Comins, No. 46 Wellington street, a communication was received and read by the Secretary from Clarendon Harris, Esq., of Worcester, in acknowledgment of his election to Honorary Membership in this Society.

Mr. Jillson, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on procuring a Seal, read the following report which was accepted, and the Seal which the Committee had procured was adopted as the Seal of the Society.

#### R E P O R T .

The Committee appointed to select a design and procure a Seal for The Worcester Society of Antiquity, have attended to the duty assigned them and submit the following Report:

At the annual meeting of the Society, held January 2d. Daniel Seagrave was appointed a Committee to prepare a design for a Seal, and in the performance of that duty, he presented one for inspection at the adjourned meeting held January 16th. At this meeting, upon his request, it was voted that the other members of

the Society be requested to prepare and present designs at the following meeting. Ellery B. Crane, Dwight A. Davis, Albert Tyler, and Daniel Seagrave, responded to the invitation.

Subsequently, in accordance with a vote of the Society, requesting all the members to prepare and bring in designs for examination at the office of the Secretary, E. R. Lawrence, E. H. Marshall, John G. Smith, and Henry Phelps, complied with the request, which, together with those before presented, made a total number of twelve. Either one of these was well conceived, truly suggestive, and in some respects, well adapted to the purpose proposed. But as there were various designs, so as a matter of course, there was a difference of opinion as to which design was best suited to our purpose. It was therefore voted, that the whole matter be referred to a Committee consisting of Samuel E. Staples, Clark Jillson, and Ellery B. Crane, with authority to make a selection and procure the engraving of a Seal, after the members should have an opportunity to pass judgment upon the designs presented and express their choice in the matter. This opportunity was given them on February 10th, at the office of the Secretary, when the last designs were presented in accordance with the vote of the Society.

The Committee in the performance of the duty assigned them, after a careful consideration of the various designs presented, and in accordance with the suggestion of a number of members of the Society, thought it best to make a combination of ideas contained in a number of the designs, thus securing a more perfect embodiment of thought than was manifest in any one of those submitted to them.

The Society has a very wide and extensive range for its inquiries and researches, as its name indicates, and in this may be seen the fitness of the emblems adopted. The Committee will not attempt to give a full description of the Seal which they present as the result of their labors, but will only explain a few of the leading thoughts which they think it aptly presents to the consideration of the intelligent student of history. The prominent figure in the foreground and that which first attracts the attention, is a representation of a vase found in one of the mounds of the State of Ohio. This indicates earlier civilizations and settlements of this

Continent than till within a few years, had been supposed probable. But late researches have established the fact beyond a reasonable doubt, of a settlement here, and an advanced state of civilization, that was not known by the early writers and historians of this land. Ancient implements of war are also grouped together, and beneath them all are the volumes of archeological science exemplifying the legend upon the scroll, "*Litera scripta manet*,"—"the written letter remains." The distant perspective presents the Pyramids, the Sphinx, and Cleopatra's Needle, all indicating the early civilization of Egypt, the seat of ancient learning.

The Committee would have been glad to have incorporated with these emblems something especially suggestive of New England history, but it was found difficult to select a suitable emblem that has not already been used by some other kindred Society.

We would hereby express our thanks to each and all of the gentlemen who have in any way assisted us in this matter, and submit as the result of our completed, though somewhat difficult task, the accompanying Seal, which we hope may be acceptable to all who are now or may hereafter become members of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

CLARK JILLSON.

ELLERY B. CRANE.

Worcester, March 6, 1877.

The Committee appointed January 2d, to take action in relation to procuring an Act of Incorporation, made the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted:

*To the President and Members of The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of taking measures to obtain an Act of Incorporation, report:—

That the Society may become a corporate body under the General Laws of the Commonwealth; and that an agreement has

been duly signed by the requisite number of persons, members of this Society, who have been legally notified to meet here at this time, for the purpose of organizing a corporation, to be known by the name of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

Your Committee recommend that those persons who have been thus legally notified, proceed at once to organize a corporation as and for the purposes set forth in said agreement, in accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK JILLSON,  
*Committee.*

Worcester, March 6, 1877.

The above report was accepted, and its recommendations adopted.

The meeting was then adjourned *sine die*.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE,  
Secretary.

## INCORPORATION

— OF —

# The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

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### AGREEMENT.

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do, by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention to constitute a corporation according to the provisions of the three hundred and seventy-fifth chapter of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, approved June twenty-seventh, in said year.

The name by which the corporation shall be known is THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

The purpose for which the corporation is constituted is:—

1st. To cultivate and encourage among its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science; and, so far as possible, to rescue from oblivion any historical matter that might otherwise be lost.

2d. The collection and preservation of antiquarian reliques of every description.

The place within which the corporation is established or located is the city of Worcester, within said Commonwealth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL ELIAS STAPLES,	FRANKLIN PIERCE RICE,
CLARK JILLSON,	ALBERT TYLER,
ELLERY BICKNELL CRANE,	JAMES A. SMITH,
DANIEL SEAGRAVE,	ALBERT ALFONZO LOVELL.
RICHARD O'FLYNN,	

One of the subscribers to the above agreement notified said subscribers of the first meeting, by giving each in hand a true and attested copy of the following notice, as herein set forth :

You are hereby notified, that the first meeting of the subscribers to an agreement to associate themselves with the intention to constitute a corporation to be known by the name of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, dated February 20th, 1877, for the purpose of organizing said corporation by the adoption of By-Laws and election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held on Tuesday, the sixth day of March, 1877, at half-past seven o'clock p. m., at the residence of Edward I. Comins, No. 46 Wellington street.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE,

One of the subscribers to said agreement.

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 20, 1877.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, ss.

I, Daniel Seagrave, do hereby certify, that on the twentieth day of February, A. D., 1877, I duly served the within notice upon Samuel Elias Staples, Clark Jillson, Ellery Bicknell Crane, Richard O'Flynn, Franklin Pierce Rice, Albert Tyler, James A. Smith and Albert Alfonzo Lovell, they being subscribers to an agreement to associate themselves with the intention to constitute a corporation, to be known by the name of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, by giving in hand to each of said subscribers a true and attested copy thereof.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE,

One of the subscribers to said agreement.

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WORCESTER, ss.

Subscribed and sworn to this twenty-seventh day of February, A. D., 1877, before me.

CLARK JILLSON,

Justice of the Peace.

The first meeting held in conformity with the foregoing notice, was called to order by Clark Jillson, and Daniel Seagrave was elected temporary Clerk, by ballot, and was sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty.

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*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

WORCESTER, ss.

March 6th, 1877.

Then personally appeared the above-named Daniel Seagrave, and made oath that he would faithfully perform the duties of temporary Clerk of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

Before me,

CLARK JILLSON,

Justice of the Peace.

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The subscribers then proceeded to elect, by ballot : Daniel Seagrave, Clerk ; Samuel Elias Staples, President ; Clark Jillson and Ellery B. Crane, Vice-Presidents ; James A. Smith, Treasurer ; Samuel E. Staples, Clark Jillson, Ellery B. Crane, Daniel Seagrave and James A. Smith, Executive Committee.

The Clerk and Treasurer, upon their election, were duly sworn, as follows :

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

WORCESTER, ss.

March 6th, 1877.

Then personally appeared the above-named Daniel Seagrave, Clerk, and James Andrew Smith, Treasurer, of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, and made oath that they would faithfully perform the duties of their respective offices.

Before me,

CLARK JILLSON,

Justice of the Peace.

The members of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, viz.: John George Smith, Henry Davis Barber, Henry Francis Stedman, William Macready, Olin L. Merriam, Herbert H. Thompson, Elijah H. Marshall, William A. Sheldon, William B. Howe, Charles R. Johnson, Augustus Stone, Edwin R. Lawrence, Henry Phelps, Augustus Cooledge, Thomas E. St. John, Edward I. Comins, Thomas M. Lamb, Dwight A. Davis and Benjamin J. Dodge; together with Isaac N. Metcalf, George Sumner, Joseph N. Bates, Alexander C. Munroe and Charles W. Estabrook, were constituted members of the corporation.

The Constitution and By-Laws of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY were adopted as the By-Laws of the corporation.

John G. Smith was elected, by ballot, as Librarian.

The following members were elected the Standing Committee on Nominations:

Albert A. Lovell, to serve one year; Franklin P. Rice, to serve two years; and Charles R. Johnson, to serve three years.

The President, Clerk, Treasurer, and a majority of the Executive Committee, then made, signed, and made oath to the following certificate:

We, Samuel Elias Staples, President; James Andrew Smith, Treasurer; Daniel Seagrave, Clerk, Ellery B. Crane, and Clark Jillson, the same being a majority of the Executive Committee of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, in compliance with the requirements of the fourth section of chapter three hundred and seventy-five of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the agreement of association to constitute said corporation, with the names of the subscribers thereto:

"We, whose names are hereto subscribed, do, by this agreement, associate ourselves with the intention to constitute a corporation according to the provisions of the three hundred and seventy-fifth chapter of the Acts of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, approved June twenty-seventh in said year. The name by which the corporation shall be known, is THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

The purpose for which the corporation is constituted is,—

1st. To cultivate and encourage among its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science, and, so far as possible, to rescue from oblivion, any historical matter that might otherwise be lost.

2nd. The collection and preservation of antiquarian relies of every description.

The place within which the corporation is established or located, is the city of Worcester, within said Commonwealth.

In witness whereof, we have herento set our hands, this twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL ELIAS STAPLES, JAMES ANDREW SMITH,  
 CLARK JILLSON, ALBERT ALFONZO LOVELL,  
 ELLERY B. CRANE, RICHARD O'FLYNN,  
 DANIEL SEAGRAVE, ALBERT TYLER."  
 FRANKLIN PIERCE RICE,

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That the first meeting of the subscribers to said agreement was held on the sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names, this sixth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

SAMUEL ELIAS STAPLES, DANIEL SEAGRAVE,  
 CLARK JILLSON, JAMES ANDREW SMITH.  
 ELLERY B. CRANE,

A majority of the Executive Committee of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, ss.

March 6th, 1877.

Then personally appeared the above-named Samuel Elias Staples, Ellery B. Crane, Daniel Seagrave, and James Andrew Smith, being a majority of the Executive Committee of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, and severally made oath that the foregoing certificate, by them subscribed, is true to the best of their knowledge and belief.

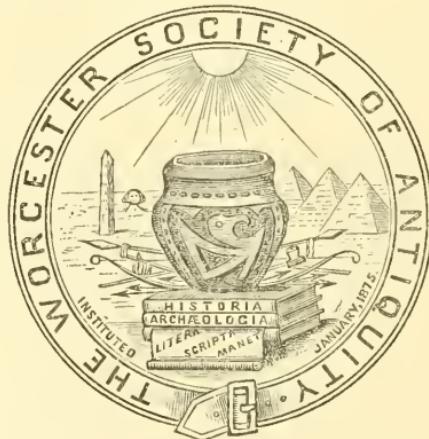
Before me,

CLARK JILLSON,

Justice of the Peace.

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The Society then voted that the imprint hereto affixed be, and the same is hereby established as the seal of this Society.



The following named gentlemen were elected Honorary Members of this Society, viz.: Rev. Lueius R. Paige, D. D., of Cambridgeport; Clarendon Harris, Esq., of Worcester; Hon. Charles Hudson, of Lexington; and Hon. John Dennison Baldwin, A. M., of Worcester.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest:

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Clerk.



## CONSTITUTION.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### NAME.

This Society shall be called THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

### ARTICLE II.

#### OBJECT.

The purposes of this Society shall be:

1. To cultivate and encourage among its members a love and admiration for antiquarian research and archaeological science; and, so far as possible, to rescue from oblivion any historical matter that might otherwise be lost.
2. The collection and preservation of antique reliques of every description.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian. Each officer shall be elected by ballot, and only one officer shall be balloted for at the same time. A majority of the ballots shall be sufficient to elect. They shall hold office for the term of one year, and until their successors are chosen.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. *President.* It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, when present. In his absence the First Vice President shall preside; in the absence of the latter, the Second Vice President shall preside; and in the absence of all three, a President *pro tem.* shall be chosen.

2. *Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the Society in a book provided for that purpose; to issue all notices of meetings, with the time and place of same; to conduct the general correspondence of the Society; shall notify all persons of their election as members of the Society; shall notify all members elected to office, who were not present at the time of their election, within ten days thereafter; and at the expiration of his term of office shall turn over to his successor all books and papers in his possession belonging to the Society.

3. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall be sole custodian of the funds of the Society, and of all property, or titles to property, real or personal, belonging to the Society, except its books. He shall assess and collect all dues and taxes voted by the Society, receive any legacies bequeathed or donations made to its funds; shall disburse the moneys so received and collected, on a written order signed by the President and Secretary, but not otherwise. He shall keep in a book provided for the purpose a true account of all receipts and disbursements; shall submit the same to the inspection of any member, when the request is made; shall submit in writing a report of all his receipts and disbursements for the year, and exhibit his vouchers for same at each annual meeting; shall furnish a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, whenever the Society, by a vote, may so direct; and shall, at the expiration of his term of office, place in the hands of his successor all books papers and other property in his possession belonging to the Society.

4. *Librarian.* The Librarian shall be the sole custodian of books and pamphlets belonging to the Society; shall catalogue the same in a book kept for the purpose; shall have the care of the entire collection of relics belonging to the Society, together with the room in which they are kept, and shall report the condition of same at each annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V.

### COMMITTEES.

1. The President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute a committee of five, to be known as the Executive Committee, who shall have in charge the general

interest of the Society; shall prepare for press and have the care of all publications of the Society, unless by a vote the Society see fit, when desirable, to elect a special committee for that purpose; may prepare and present business; may solicit and secure, when practicable, donations to the Society's funds, or collections; shall see that the orders of the Society are promptly carried out, and that the provisions of this Constitution are studiously maintained. The President *ex-officio* shall at each annual meeting make a report of the proceedings of the Society for the previous year.

2. This Society shall, at its annual meeting in January, 1877, elect by ballot three persons—one to serve for one year, one for two years, and one for three years—and one for three years at each annual meeting succeeding—who shall be called the Standing Committee on Nominations. It shall be their duty to examine the qualifications of every person proposed for membership, and to put in nomination such persons as they in their judgment think will promote the interests of the Society. Other committees may be chosen, as occasion requires, but all committees shall report their doings in writing.

## ARTICLE VI.

### MEMBERS.

1. The name and qualifications for membership of any person of good character, having an interest in the objects of this Society, may be proposed at any meeting thereof and referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations; and such person may, at the next regular meeting, on nomination by the said committee, be elected by a two-thirds ballot of those present. But no person shall be considered a member of this Society until he has signed the Constitution.

## ARTICLE VII.

### HONORARY.

Honorary members may be proposed and elected in the same manner as prescribed for active members.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### DUTIES OF MEMBERS.

1. It shall be the duty of each member to bear his equal burden of the expense of the Society, and to fill any office or perform any

service to which he may be elected or appointed; to endeavor to secure for it whatever he can that will add to the number or value of the Society's collection; to bring it to the knowledge and consideration of persons of similar tastes and pursuits; to propose for membership such persons as are known to be interested in its work.

2. It shall be the duty of honorary members to endeavor to secure articles for its collection, to interest themselves for its honor and prosperity, and to correspond at least once a year with the Society. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of active members, except the right to vote or hold office.

## ARTICLE IX.

### MEETINGS.

The annual meeting for the election of officers, and for the transaction of other business, shall be held on the first Tuesday in January of each year. The other regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each of the remaining months in the year, excepting July and August. Special meetings may be called by the President, or upon the written request of any three members of the Society. *Five* members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE X.

### ASSESSMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

I. *Tax.* The Society may at any regular meeting, by a vote, assess a tax upon its members, not exceeding one dollar *per capita*; but at any annual meeting the Society may assess such sum as may be needed for carrying on the affairs of the Society.

2. *Life Membership.* Any member who shall at any one time pay into the treasury the sum of twenty-five dollars shall be a life member, and shall thereafter be exempt from all assessments.

3. *Claims against.* All claims against the Society shall be approved by the member contracting the same, and paid by the Treasurer, on a written order signed by the President and Secretary.

## ARTICLE XI.

## FAILURES, WITHDRAWALS, EXPULSIONS.

1. Any member who for two consecutive years shall fail to pay any assessment made in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, and shall give no satisfactory reason therefor, shall cease to be a member of the Society, and the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, who shall make record of the fact.

2. *Withdrawals.* Any member may withdraw from the Society by giving notice of his intention to the Secretary and paying all assessments due at the time of giving such notice, and the Secretary shall make record of the fact.

3. *Expulsions.* Any member may, from any breach of trust or malfeasance in office, or for any other cause, be expelled from the Society by a vote of two-thirds of those present at any regular meeting; *provided*, that the number present shall not be less than a majority of the whole number of members. But no member shall be expelled from the Society without first having an opportunity to explain his case at some regular meeting.

## ARTICLE XII.

## AMENDMENTS.

Alterations or amendments to the Constitution may be made at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote; *provided*, that a notice of the proposed change has been given in writing at some previous meeting.

## ARTICLE XIII.

On the passage and adoption of the foregoing Constitution, all other articles previously used for the government of this Society are hereby repealed.



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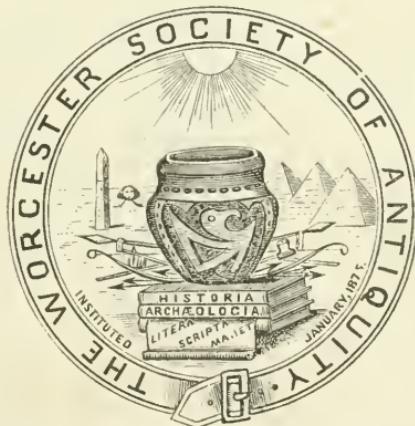
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CHARLES HENRY JAMES DOUGLAS,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Providence, R. I.
ISRAEL PLUMMER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Northbridge.
*HARVEY DWIGHT JILLSON, M. D.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Fitchburg.
CHARLES AUGUSTUS MORGAN,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Fitchburg.
HENRY LORISTON SHUMWAY,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
OSGOOD PLUMMER,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
ALFRED SEELYE ROE, A. M.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
GEORGE ELBRIDGE BOYDEN,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
EBEN FRANCIS THOMPSON,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
PRESTON DAY JONES,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
THEODORE SILAS JOHNSON,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
THOMAS EDWARD BARTLETT,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
WILLIAM H. BIGELOW,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Brattleboro, Vt.
STEPHEN C. EARLE,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
CHARLES W. FENNO,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.

\*Deceased.

### Life Members.

Hon. CLARK JILLSON,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.
ELLERY BICKNELL CRANE, Esq.,	.	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester.

### Honorary Members.

Rev. LUCIUS ROBINSON PAIGE, D. D.,	.	.	.	.	.	Cambridgeport, Mass.
CLARENDRON HARRIS, Esq.,	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester, Mass.
Hon. CHARLES HUDSON, A. M.,	.	.	.	.	.	Lexington, Mass.
Hon. JOHN DENNISON BALDWIN, A. M.,	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester, Mass.
BENSON JOHN LOSSING, LL.D.,	.	.	.	.	.	Dover Plains, N. Y.
JOSEPH JACKSON HOWARD, LL.D.,	.	.	.	.	.	London, Eng.
GUILERMO RAWSON, M. D.,	.	Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.				
Hon. HENRY CLARK,	.	.	.	.	.	Rutland, Vt.
Rev. ADIN BALLOU,	.	.	.	.	.	Hopedale, Mass.
JOHN GEORGE METCALF, M. D.,	.	.	.	.	.	Mendon, Mass.
Hon. HOLMES AMMIDOWN,	.	.	.	.	.	New York City.
Rev. ABIJAH P. MARVIN,	.	.	.	.	.	Lancaster, Mass.
ELIHU BURRITT, Esq.,	.	.	.	.	.	New Britain, Ct.
Rev. CARLTON A. STAPLES,	.	.	.	.	.	Providence, R. I.
WILLIAM SUMNER BARTON, Esq.,	.	.	.	.	.	Worcester, Mass.

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PROCEEDINGS.

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## *Publications of the Society.*

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No. I.—PROCEEDINGS FOR 1875-7.

No. II.—CONSTITUTION AND LIST OF OFFICERS, PUBLISHED WITH NUMBER ONE OF PROCEEDINGS.

No. III.—PROCEEDINGS FOR 1877.

No. IV.—INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE OLD BURIAL GROUNDS IN WORCESTER, PUBLISHED WITH NUMBER THREE OF PROCEEDINGS.

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# PROCEEDINGS

## FOR 1877.

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(Continued.)

The first regular meeting of this Society, as a corporate body, was held on the second day of April, at the residence of Clark Jillson, No. 9 Garden Street. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, the President, Samuel E. Staples, Esq., made the following remarks :

### REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT.

GENTLEMEN :—

I wish to call your attention to a few thoughts suggested by this first meeting of The Worcester Society of Antiquity as a legally organized body, the Certificate of Incorporation having been granted by the Secretary of the Commonwealth on the twenty-second day of last month.

Heretofore our association has been a voluntary one, in no way responsible to the law, only so far as we as individuals members are amenable to the laws of the land under which we live. Henceforth it is to be otherwise; the organization, not the individual is to be recognized in all matters pertaining to the responsibilities and obligations which may rest upon this association. The laws of the state embody in a general way our privileges ; our by-laws define our special duties, and in the performance of these, each member should move in his proper place, promptly and faithfully doing the part assigned to him, and all unitedly striving to promote the interests which we have in common,—the upbuilding, enlargement, and usefulness of this Association.

A little more than two years since, it seemed desirable to a few persons who had considered the matter, that an association of this kind, adapted to meet the wants of all classes in the community, should be organized here. The history of this movement is familiar to most of the gentlemen now present. If any, however, are uninformed concerning this matter, by reading the published Proceedings which have been carefully and judiciously compiled by one of our officers, the Hon. Clark Jillson, and which are now ready for distribution, they may obtain the desired information. I think all will agree with me that our work for these two years has not been in vain, and that much has been accomplished in the fulfilment of the designs proposed. Certainly a deeper interest has been manifested in historical research, and the effort to collect historical matter has been largely increased.

We now have enrolled thirty-seven members, two of whom have been constituted Life, and four are Honorary members. Among these, it is gratifying to note, the several professions are well represented.

This Society has the ability as well as the opportunity to become a power in this community for usefulness, and its influence will, I doubt not, hereafter be felt in the dissemination of knowledge that will be of much practical use. While we have gained numerically, we have in a greater ratio gained in strength. As the rolling body by accretion magnifies itself, so this body in its future progress may expect a still larger increase in numbers and the accomplishment of work hardly yet contemplated. Men of learning, of culture and refinement, will be drawn to this association, if by our works we prove ourselves worthy to receive them. Those of us, and I include myself among the number, who have been less favored in some respects than others, should not, and of course will not manifest any feeling of jealousy, if they in turn supplant us, leading where we have heretofore led, while we humbly follow as learners at their feet. It is the usefulness of the association that we desire, and not self-advantage or personal aggrandizement.

In associations of this kind the use of titles is, I believe, always allowable, and I am certainly sure, that members of corporate bodies are Fellows of the body to which they belong. I think it

would be judicious and highly proper for this association to make provision for the conferring of titles upon its members; and I therefore recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized, now and hereafter, to grant a Certificate to such persons, members of the Society, as may be approved by the same, who shall pay into the treasury for the purpose, the sum of five dollars, conferring upon them the title of F. S. A.—FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY. I think it none too soon to adopt this provision, as it would be a source of revenue to the Society and an advantage to our members.

I have put these few remarks in writing that I might be able to say just what I desired to at this time, and to make such suggestions as seemed to me timely and judicious. I will not detain you longer now, only to add, that I look for a bright and prosperous future for this new society as an incorporated body, and doubt not there will be eventually realized more than the most sanguine have ever contemplated.

That portion of the above remarks relating to the conferring of titles was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Crane, Metcalf, Jillson Comins, and Dodge.

Edward I. Comins, Esq., read a brief but interesting sketch relating to Mr. Ebenezer Dunbar of Leicester, Mass., who was one hundred years old on the 29th day of March last.

The meeting held May 1st, 1877, was at the residence of Mr. Ellery B. Crane, 19 Benefit Street.

The Secretary made the following report, which was accepted and placed on file:

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of*

*The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

By direction of the Executive Committee, the Secretary of this Society has forwarded by mail and otherwise, sixty-six (66) copies of Proceedings No. I. to various Societies, Associations, State Libraries, and individuals.

In return, he has received valuable donations to our library, from Rev. L. R. Paige, D. D., the N. E. Historic-Genealogical Society, Maine State Library, Wisconsin Historical Society, Astor Library, Providence Athenaeum, the Essex Institute, and others, a detailed report of which will be given by the Librarian. Also, acknowledgements by letter and postal from twenty-one other sources for Proceedings received.

Suitable acknowledgements have been forwarded to the donors for their contributions by the Secretary in behalf of the Society.

Several letters of congratulation and commendation have also been received from distinguished and professional gentlemen, complimentary of our efforts and productions.

Your Secretary has delivered two copies of Proceedings, No. I, and one copy of the Constitution marked No. II, to each of the thirty active members of the Society, and forwarded by mail one copy of No. I, to each of the Honorary members.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL SEAGRAVE,

*Secretary.*

Worcester, May 1, 1877.

The following letters were read by the Secretary:

THE RIDGE, DOVER PLAINS P. O.,  
Duchess Co., N. Y., April 20, 1877. }

MY DEAR SIR:

Thanks for your kind letter of the 16th inst., received after I had sent a note acknowledging the receipt of a copy of your Proceedings.

I should feel much honored in being a member of your Association. I fear, however, that I should not be a very useful one. Whatever I might do to further the ends of the Society would be most cheerfully done.

Yours very truly,

BENSON J. LOSSING.

SAM'L E. STAPLES, Esq.

WORCESTER, MASS., Mar. 11, 1877.

SAMUEL E. STAPLES, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt, from the Executive Committee of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, of the Proceedings of that Society, No. I, and, in a separate pamphlet, their Constitution and By-Laws, for the library of this institution.

In expressing thanks for these acceptable gifts, permit me to say that our Society should be much gratified to find associations like yours springing up by its side, as one of the fruits of that taste for historical studies which it is its special object to inspire.

Wishing every success to yourselves and those whom you represent, I am

Very respectfully yours,

S. F. HAVEN,

*Librarian A. A. S.*

Executive Committee of

The Wor. Soc'y of Antiquity.

The following reply was made by the President to the latter:

WORCESTER, March 15, 1877.

S. F. HAVEN, Esq.,

*Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society,—*

MY DEAR SIR:—I am favored with your note of the 11th inst., acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, in which you express your approval of the formation of such associations and your best wishes for the success of our enterprise.

Permit me in reply to thank you for the polite manner in which you have referred to our Society, and reciprocating your kind wishes, we doubt not but the pleasant relations of to-day will always continue.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

I have the honor to be,

Yours respectfully,

S. E. STAPLES.

Mr. Crane read an interesting paper entitled "Memoranda concerning recent Archaeological Research, and thoughts suggested by relics of Antiquity."

The meeting held June 5th was at the office of Alexander C. Munroe, No. 442 Main Street. Mr. Jillson, in behalf of the Committee on Publication, made a report which was accepted and placed on file.

The Secretary read several letters among which was one from the Society of Antiquaries of London, acknowledging the receipt of our Proceedings No. I.

Mr. Crane, in behalf of the committee on titles made the following report which was accepted and placed on file.

*Mr. President and Members of the Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of conferring the title of F. S. A. (Fellow of the Society of Antiquity) upon its members, have attended to their duty and beg leave to offer the following report:

Having given the subject much thought and consideration, and after having taken considerable time in obtaining important information from England where such titles are more commonly in use, your committee are unanimous, in view of the facts thus gained, in arriving at the conclusion that it is inexpedient at the present time to adopt the style of conferring titles in the manner as submitted to them; but your committee would beg leave to recommend that a certificate of membership in the usual form, bearing the proper signature and the seal of the Society, be presented to each member on application to the Secretary of the Society for the same which certificate might be used by the holder in presenting himself to the officers of any library or kindred society as evidence of membership of this corporate body.

E. B. CRANE,  
BENJ. J. DODGE, }  
CLARK JILLSON, } *Committee.*

Worcester, June 5th, 1877.

On motion of Mr. Crane, a committee consisting of himself, Messrs. Harding and Dodge, were appointed

to consider the matter of providing certain newspapers for the use of the Society.

On motion of Mr. Harding, Mr. Jillson was authorized to purchase forty copies of the Centennial Anniversary Proceedings of the City of Worcester, July 4th, 1876.

Mr. Staples read an interesting and instructive historical paper on "Normal Schools and their origin."

On motion of Mr. Jillson, it was voted that so much of the report of the Committee on Titles as relates to Certificates of Membership, be referred to a committee of three, and Messrs. Jillson, Seagrave and Lawrence were appointed.

Mr. Charles R. Johnson gave a brief historical sketch of the skull of a British Soldier who was killed at the battle of Concord, April 19th, 1775, now in the possession of a member of this Society.

Each member of the Society was requested, by vote, to prepare a brief biography of himself, to be filed with his photograph, in the archives of the Society, for future reference.

On the 19th of June, a Special Meeting was held at the office of Alexander C. Munroe, Esq., 442 Main Street. Mr. Jillson reported that he had purchased as directed by vote at a previous meeting, forty copies of the account of the Celebration of the 4th of July, 1876, in Worcester, for the use of the Society, at a cost of ten dollars.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Crane, Jillson, and Rice, were appointed for the purpose of considering the expediency of obtaining a room in which to transact the business of the Society.

By special request, Mr. Crane repeated the reading of his "Memoranda concerning recent Archaeological Research, and thoughts suggested by Relics of Antiquity."

The Regular Meeting, Sept. 4th, was held at the office of William B. Harding, Esq., 398 Main Street. The question was raised as to the propriety of admitting minors to membership, but it was decided, after some discussion, that a minor could become a member of a corporate body, under our laws, unless prohibited by special rule or by-law, and Mr. E. F. Thompson, a minor, was then elected a member of this Society.

Mr. Crane of the Committee appointed to consider the matter in relation to procuring files of certain newspapers in Worcester County for preservation by the Society, made a report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted.

The committee on procuring a Room, submitted a report recommending the hiring of the apartments recently vacated by the B. B. & G. R. R. Corporation in Worcester Bank Block on Foster Street, and on motion of Mr. Crane, Mr. Jillson was appointed a committee to hire the room recommended as above.

Mr. Crane, in behalf of the Committee on Burial Grounds, stated that more than one thousand inscriptions had been copied from Tombstones in various places in Worcester County, during the past summer. He also read some of the epitaphs and biographical sketches of the early settlers of the town of Mendon, and stated that he had copied the inscrip-

tions in the Old Burial Ground in Mendon, for the purpose of placing them in the archives of the Society, for future reference.

Mr. Lovell stated that William S. Barton, Esq., had granted permission to the Society to publish the inscriptions copied by him from the Old Burial Place on the Common in 1846, with such other inscriptions as might seem desirable, and a limited number were ordered to be printed with the Proceedings for 1877; and thereupon Messrs. Lovell and Rice were added to the Committee on Publication.

The Regular Meeting held Oct. 2d, was at No. 6, Worcester Bank Block on Foster Street, which was the first meeting held in the new apartments.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Crane, Roe and Shumway, was appointed to draft Resolutions relating to the death of HARVEY DWIGHT JILLSON, M. D., of Fitchburg, an Active member of this Society.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Lovell, Jillson, and Dodge, was appointed to recommend such amendments to the Constitution as might be thought necessary.

The meeting of Nov. 6th, occurring on the evening of the State Election, was adjourned to Nov. 9th, at which time the committee to whom was referred, at the last regular meeting, the matter of providing for the apportionment of Work among the members, reported as follows:

The Committee of the Worcester Society of Antiquity to whom was referred the matter of so parcelling out the Work of the Society, as most to increase the efficiency of its active force, have

attended to their duty, and after a careful consideration of the subject, would respectfully submit the following recommendations:

That there be created in the Society, four departments, to be known respectively as:—the Department of Archæology and General History; the Department of Local History and Genealogy; the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications, and Engravings; and the Department of Relics, Coins, and Curiosities.

That each of the Active Members of the Society be assigned by the President, to at least one of these Departments, the wishes and tastes of every one being consulted, as far as possible, in the assignment.

That the several Departments organize themselves, as soon as may be, after their creation, by the choice of proper officers, and the appointment of appropriate committees.

That each member is expected to contribute so far as lies in his power, to the researches of the Department to which he belongs, and that there be annually presented to the Society, a written report of the doings of each Department during the year last preceding, such reports to be kept on file in the Society's archives.

That these recommendations, if adopted, take effect the first of the ensuing year.

ALBERT A. LOVELL.  
FRANKLIN P. RICE.  
CHAS. R. JOHNSON.

The recommendations contained in this report were adopted.

The committee appointed to draft Resolutions on the death of Dr. Jillson made the following report:

*Mr. President and Members of*

*The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of preparing Resolutions on the death of one of our number, Dr. HARVEY DWIGHT JILLSON of Fitchburg, Mass., have attended to their duty, and would submit for your consideration the following Resolutions.

The Committee, however, desire to say that in drafting the articles herewith presented, they felt keenly the need of a more personal acquaintance with our deceased friend that perfect justice might be done in referring to his noble character, and the high aims that have constantly been made conspicuous during his professional life. And whatever may have been omitted here through the want of sufficient knowledge on our part, we trust will be amply supplied by our worthy and more capable friend and associate, Hon. Clark Jillson in his biographical sketch of the deceased yet to be written.

WHEREAS, DR. HARVEY DWIGHT JILLSON, of Fitchburg, an active member of this Society, died Sept. 25th, 1876, his death being the first that has occurred in the membership of our Society, therefore,

*Resolved*, That in his career as a physician, as a citizen, and as a friend, he was faithful, considerate, and conscientious, in the discharge of all public and private duties, and this not to win applause, but from the impulses of the true manhood which was characteristic of his life.

*Resolved*, That although his connection with this Society was too brief to allow of that full acquaintance with its members which we all so sincerely desired, it was sufficiently long to impress us with his interest in the pursuits in which we are engaged, and to leave with us a consciousness of the loss we have sustained in his unexpected decease.

*Resolved*, That our esteemed colleague, Hon. Clark Jillson, be requested to prepare a biographical sketch of the deceased for preservation in the archives of the Society.

*Resolved*, That these expressions of our appreciation of Dr. Jillson be entered upon the records of our Society, and that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy to his family, as an assurance of our sympathy in their affliction.

ELLERY B. CRANE,	}	<i>Special Committee.</i>
HENRY L. SHUMWAY,		
ALFRED S. ROE,		

The above report was unanimously adopted by a standing vote.

The President, as chairman of the Executive Committee, made a report in relation to procuring furniture, etc., for the room, which was accepted and placed on file.

Mr. Lovell, in behalf of the committee on Amendments to the Constitution, made a report, which was recommitted to the committee.

The committee on Certificates made a report, which was accepted and the recommendations therein contained adopted, as follows:

*To the President and Members of*

*The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

The committee appointed to consider and report upon the matter concerning Certificates of Membership, have given the subject their attention, and are unanimous in the opinion that such Certificate should be issued by this Society; and we recommend the following form, to wit:

*"The Worcester Society of Antiquity.*

*This is to certify that A. B. was duly elected and properly qualified, as a Member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity, on this day of A. D. 18*

*Witness our hands and the Seal of our said Society, this day of A. D. 18 , at the City of Worcester, in the County of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts.*

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[L. S.] \_\_\_\_\_ President.  
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Secretary."

In consequence of the unusual expenditure of money in fitting up and furnishing our room and the publication of certain documents, we recommend that no further action be taken at present, in case this report is adopted, and that the whole matter of engraving and printing Certificates be referred to the Executive Committee to take such action therein as they may deem proper, at such time as the Society may direct.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARK JILLSON.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE.

The following letters were read by the Secretary:

HOPEDALE, MASS., Oct. 18, 1877.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq.,

*Dear Sir:*—I received yesterday your communication of the 15th inst., officially informing me that at the last meeting of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," I was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of said Society. I accept the honor and privileges thus kindly conferred on me with grateful pleasure, and will endeavor to manifest my appreciation thereof by such contribution of books to the Society's library and others of incidental service as may be in my humble power. When possibly convenient, I shall gladly attend the Society's monthly meetings. Present my cordial thanks to the Society, and accept for yourself assurance of my high fraternal esteem.

Respectfully yours,

ADIN BALLOU.

LANCASTER, MASS., October 19, 1877.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq.,

*DEAR SIR:*—I have the honor to acknowledge your note, informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity."

Please convey to the Society my grateful appreciation of the honor, with the assurance that I shall be happy to contribute, so far as possible, to the success of the object they have in view.

Respectfully yours,

A. P. MARVIN.

MENDON, Oct. 20, 1877.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq.,

*Sec. Wor. Soc. of Antiquity,*

*DEAR SIR:*—Your favor of Oct. 15th inst., informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," was duly received. Being in accord with those who, while mindful of the duties of the present, do not neglect to search for lessons of wisdom from the records of the past, I cordially accept the proffered honor of a membership of your Society.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN G. METCALF.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20th. 1877. }

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, ESQ.,

*Secretary of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.*

MY DEAR SIR:—I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your note of the 15th instant, informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the Society which you represent, as its Secretary.

Please represent to your associates my high appreciation of the honor conferred, and signify to them my acceptance.

For many years I have felt an ardent interest in the noble object of your Society, and shall be glad, so far as occasion may afford, to aid in advancing its interest in the cause of preserving that which is of worth and value in the line of antiquity. \* \*

Respectfully,

HOLMES AMMIDOWN.

The following communication from the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society was also read:

CONTOOCOOK, N. H., October 17, 1877.

At a meeting of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, on the 16th of October, 1877, the following, offered by the Rev. Silas Ketchum, President of the Society, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the congratulations of this Society are hereby tendered to "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," on its auspicious beginning, and encouraging prospect of prosperity and usefulness. That we recognize with pleasure, in its Constitution and Proceedings, a plan and purpose similar to our own. That we extend to the said Society "the right hand of fellowship," and assurances of our cordial regard, and of our desire that the two Societies maintain the most fraternal relations, and be mutually helpful to each other. That in evidence of our sincerity, it is hereby ordered, that copies of all works issued, or hereafter to be issued, by this Society, be furnished to "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," free of cost. That this resolution be entered upon our Records, and an attested copy thereof be forwarded, by the Recording Secretary, to the Hon. Clark Jillson, an Honorary

Member of this Society, and one of the Vice Presidents of the said "Worcester Society of Antiquity," to be by him presented in our name.

A true copy of Record,—Attest:

CHARLES GOULD,

*Recording Secretary of the  
New Hampshire Antiquarian Society.*

The Secretary was authorized, by vote, to communicate to the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society our appreciation of their good wishes; and he was also directed to forward to them all publications of this Society, free of cost.

On motion of Mr. Shumway, it was voted, that with the beginning of the new year, there be appointed a Committee on Biography, whose duty it should be to procure from every member of the Society a Biographical Sketch of himself, with such genealogical records as may be accessible, to be written on uniform paper in proper form for binding, the same to be preserved in the archives of the Society.

The Society voted to open the room on Tuesday evening of each week for the convenience of the members.

On motion of Mr. Merriam, the Executive Committee was authorised to issue written Certificates of Membership to such members as apply for the same.

At the meeting held Dec. 4th, 1877, a letter was read by the Secretary, from Elihu Burritt, Esq., in acknowledgement of his election to Honorary membership, as follows :

NEW BRITAIN, CONN., Nov. 20. '77.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, ESQ.,

*Secretary of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.*

DEAR SIR:—I have received your favor of the 10th inst., and read with great interest the Report of your admirable Society, and would heartily congratulate you for what it has already achieved. I feel all the more interest in your programme because it does not propose any unfriendly or ambitious rivalry with the venerable Antiquarian Society, to which I shall always feel more indebted than to any other institution in America. Truly your new Society has made a very successful and auspicious beginning in the collection of such a large number of volumes of such rare antiquity and value, and I would congratulate you on the acquisition of such precious treasures, which must grow dearer to the literary world from year to year. I feel a deep interest in your efforts to gather up the scattered threads of local history in the several towns of Worcester County ere they are lost, so that coming generations may know and appreciate what the noble heart of the Commonwealth has been to Massachusetts and to the nation at large; and that they may also know what each constituent town has contributed to the history of the county.

I beg to convey through you to the Society you represent my sincere thanks for the honor of being enrolled among its honorary members. Although I may not be able to render any practical service as such a member, I shall be equally pleased to have my name associated with the admirable objects you have in view.

Truly yours,

ELIHU BURRITT.

On motion of Mr. Lamb, a committee, consisting of himself, H. L. Shumway and Franklin P. Rice, was appointed by nomination to report a list of officers, to be voted for by the Society, for the year 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of reporting Amendments to the Constitution, reported the result of their deliberations, and the report

was accepted and placed on file for action at a future meeting.

Rev. Albert Tyler then read a paper which he had written, giving a truthful and interesting account of the Battle of Bennington, and of the Celebration of its Hundredth Anniversary, on the 16th day of last August. He also enumerated a list of Ancient Relics exhibited on that occasion, with appropriate historical notes, all of which was listened to with deep interest. The Society unanimously voted its thanks for the valuable paper.

The paper read by Mr. Crane at the meeting in May, was received by the Society in a similar manner.

In closing the record of our labors during the past year, we find that our membership has been largely increased, and that many influential persons, not yet members, are becoming deeply interested in the legitimate work of this society.

The publications we have issued have been favorably received by kindred societies, and sought for by many interested in similar enterprises.

We have every reason to look forward with hope, believing that our efforts will be crowned with success, so long as the several departments of our institution are properly conducted.

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# PROCEEDINGS

## FOR 1878.

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The Annual Meeting was held January 1st, 1878, with a large number of members in attendance.

The following letter from William S. Barton, Esq., was read by the Secretary.

WORCESTER, MASS., Dec. 13, 1877.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, ESQ.

*Dear Sir:* I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 11th inst., informing me that at a recent meeting of "The Worcester Society of Antiquity," I was unanimously elected to Honorary Membership in your Society. Permit me to express to you, and through you to the members of your enterprising Society, my deep sense of the honor you have conferred upon me, and to add that it will give me great pleasure to accept the membership so cordially tendered to me.

Yours very respectfully,

WM. S. BARTON.

The President, as chairman of the Executive Committee, made the following Report, which was accepted and placed on file :

### ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

*Gentlemen of The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

In accordance with the first section of the fifth article of our Constitution, it becomes my duty to make a report at this meeting of the proceedings of the Society for the past year. For the first two months and until March 6th, when the Society was

reorganized under the Laws of the Commonwealth, the transactions have been printed in the first number of our Proceedings, though the reports of the several officers embraced only our doings till January 2nd, 1877. The reports now to be presented will cover the entire year.

The growth and progress made by this Society during the twelve months past have been quite remarkable, both in the increase of our numbers and the work accomplished. Starting three years ago with four members, closing the first year with twelve or thirteen, and the second with twenty-seven active and three honorary members, we now have enrolled at the close of the third year, fifty five active (two of whom have been constituted life members.) and fifteen honorary members. Of this number one has died, Harvey D. Jillson, M. D. of Fitchburg, and three members have withdrawn. But more noticeable still, is the amount of work that has been done and the progress made during the year now brought to a close. In the report of the Secretary made at the last annual meeting occurs the following sentence: "It is hoped that the time is not far in the future when the members shall realize all that they have ever anticipated—in having a pleasant and commodious place for holding their meetings, and a good library, with all its useful appendages, etc., for their use and enjoyment." This hope has been so far realized as to secure for our use these pleasant and convenient apartments at a reasonable rent, the same having been furnished in part by assessments that have been paid, and the rest by the voluntary contributions of members. The nucleus of a library has been established; the donations by members and others as will appear by the report of the Librarian, having been quite generous, both as to quantity and value of works that have been presented.

I must not omit to mention in this connection, the gift to the Society by Hon. Clark Jillson, of a very valuable and ancient copy of Cicero's Orations, a large quarto, printed in the year 1472. This is believed to be one of the oldest books to be found in any public library in this country, and is in an excellent state of preservation. I desire also to notice, at the risk of trespassing upon ground properly belonging to the Librarian, the valuable donation of the first fourteen volumes of the New England Historical

and Genealogical Register, by William S. Barton, Esq., and also valuable works from Mr. E. B. Crane, Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D. D., Hon. Charles Hudson, Hon. Holmes Ammidown, and Clarendon Harris, Esq., besides numerous other works presented to the Society, which will appear in the list of donations named in the annual report of the Librarian.

Much credit is due to the Special Committee, E. B. Crane, A. A. Lovell, and F. P. Rice, for their faithful and persevering labors in copying the Inscriptions upon the gravestones of the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, which, with those of the Old Common, furnished by W. S. Barton, Esq., they have with much care prepared for the press, and in many cases have added historical notes, requiring careful and thorough research, which are of great value. We are also indebted to the same committee for copying the Inscriptions in Burial Grounds at Shrewsbury, Mendon, and Lancaster. Mr. Richard O'Flynn has copied the inscriptions in the Catholic Cemetery at Tatnuck, and we are indebted to Mr. E. H. Marshall for similar work at Lunenburg, to Mr. James A. Smith at Rutland, and to Mr. T. S. Knowlton, W. Brookfield. We now print only the first two named, but it is hoped that at some future time the Society may print the others, and continue their work till most, if not all of the inscriptions of the Old Grounds of the County shall have been printed, and thus save to posterity these valuable records, so necessary in writing up the family histories which are now justly regarded as of much importance.

The meetings of the Society have been regularly held and well attended, and much interest has been manifested in the objects for which we are organized. At the February meeting, Hon. Clark Jillson read a very interesting biographical paper upon the late John F. Pond; and at the meeting in May, Mr. Crane read some instructive "Memoranda concerning recent Archæological research and Thoughts suggested by Relics of Antiquity." The latter was repeated at a special meeting in June at the request of the Society. At the regular meeting in June a brief paper upon "Normal Schools and their Origin" was read by the writer of this report, in which was shown that the credit of first establishing a Normal School in this country belongs to the late Rev. Samuel Read Hall, LL. D. who died the 24th of June last, at Brown-

ington, Vermont. Small editions of Mr. Jillson's paper and that upon Normal Schools, have been published by the writers. At the December meeting, a very interesting and graphic account of the Battle of Bennington, the Centennial Anniversary of the same, and a list of the many reliques exhibited on that occasion, was read by Rev. Albert Tyler. It is hoped that the papers of Mr. Crane and Mr. Tyler may be printed for the benefit of our members, as well as for a more general reading.

The additions by members to their private collections during the year, as appears by their monthly reports, have been quite large, showing a worthy zeal in so good an object.

Since October first, when we took possession of these apartments the attendance upon the meetings has been larger than before, and members have also manifested their interest by frequent donations to the Society. The room has been open each Tuesday evening, a custom worthy to be observed in the future, and considerable numbers have availed themselves of the privilege of coming here, either for the use of the library, or to pass a pleasant hour with those they might meet here.

A number of letters have been received, which will appear in our Proceedings when published, complimenting the Society upon its auspicious beginning and expressive of deep interest in the objects of our association.

With the satisfactory record made by this organization during its brief existence, we have great hope for its usefulness in the future. The only embarrassment we now encounter is one common to all new, unendowed institutions, and which can only be overcome by the united and persistent efforts of all our members. No great work, charitable or religious, or business of any kind, can be made entirely successful without ample means for its prosecution. Thus far we have done our work without making very heavy demands upon our members, but the time has now come, when provision must be made for the rent of this room and for the work of publication which the Society has undertaken. With the numbers that we now have, the burden will not be heavy if each one will cheerfully bear his part, and do with his might what in him lies for the prosperity of this institution.

I have taken some pains to ascertain what sums are paid by members of similar bodies in other places, and submit the following statement, compiled from the valuable Report on Public Libraries in the United States, by John Eaton, Commissioner of Education.

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By the above it appears that in—

3	Societies of the 26 named, the Admission fee is \$10.00	
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13	require an Annual Payment of	5.00
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*Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford.* This Society has the right of permanent occupancy of a wing of the Wadsworth Atheneum, has a permanent fund of \$9,000, the income from which, and from the annual dues of members, amounts to about \$1,500 annually.

*Georgia Historical Society.* Its annual income is \$5000, derived from rents and dues of members. The Society's building is valued at \$50,000, and it owns another valued at \$12,000, from which rent is received.

*Chicago Historical Society.* Has a special fund of \$27,000 and a general fund of \$17,000.

*Iowa Historical Society.* Has a grant from the State of \$500 annually.

*Maine Historical Society.* Permanent fund of \$10,000.

*Maryland Historical Society.* Has a permanent fund of \$20,000. Its yearly income is \$2,500—the sum of \$1500 from investments and \$1000 from membership dues.

*New England Historic, Genealogical Society.* Owns its building costing \$40,000. The permanent fund is \$76,000, of which the sum of \$50,000 is invested in the building.

*Essex Institute.* Owns a small building and has invested funds amounting to \$10,000.

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	Organ- ized:	Members.	Admittance Fee.	Annual Payment.	Life Membership.
Maine Historical Society, Brunswick.....	1822	100	\$10.00		
New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord.....	1822	144	5.00	\$3.00	
Rhode Island Historical Society, Providence.....	1822	150	5.00	3.00	
New Jersey Historical Society, Newark.....	1845	519	5.00	3.00	
Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford.....	1825		3.00	2.00	
Buffalo Historical Society, Buffalo.....	1862	716		5.00	
New Haven Colony Historical Society, New Haven, Ct.,.....	1862	42		5.00	
Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis.....	1863	2100	5.00	5.00	\$50.00
Genealogical and Biographical Society, New York,.....	1869	250	10.00	5.00	50.00*
New London Co. Historical Society, New London, Ct.....	1870	250		1.00	50.00*
Nashua Historical Society, Nashua, N. H.....	1870	61		3.00	20.00†
New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, Concord.....	1873	34		4.00	
Historical and Scientific Soc. of Mason Co., Ky.....	1875			2.00†	
N. E. Historic. Genealogical Society, Boston.....	1845	157	5.00	3.00	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....	1848	480		3.00	
Albany Institute, Albany, N. Y.....	1824	204		5.00	
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1863	100	5.00	5.00	
American Ethnological Society, N. Y.....	1842	100	5.00	5.00	
Territorial Pioneers of California, San Francisco.....	1874		5.00	6.00	
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah.....	1839	400	5.00	5.00	
Iowa Historical Society, Iowa City.....	1857	350	3.00	1.00†	
Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.....	1844	200		5.00	
Am. Numismatic and Archaeological Society, N. Y.....	1857	100	5.00	5.00	
Historical and Philosophic Society, Cincinnati.....	1831	83	10.00	10.00	
American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1743	482	5.00	5.00	
Friends' Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pa.....	1873	41	5.00	5.00	

\*Till \$50 and  
interest paid.

†One meeting  
a year.

‡Quarterly  
meeting, no  
publications.

*New Hampshire Historical Society.* Owns a building valued at \$5000, and has a permanent fund of about \$2000.

*New Jersey Historical Society.* Permanent fund of \$12,000.

*Long Island Historical Society.* Library fund \$54,000, and a yearly income of \$10,000 from investments and dues of members.

*Buffalo Historical Society.* Permanent fund of about \$6,000.

*American Numismatic and Archaeological Society.* Permanent fund of about \$300.

*Historical and Philosophic Society.* Has permanent fund of about \$9000.

*American Philosophical Society.* Owns a building valued from \$80,000 to \$120,000.

*Historical Society, Penn.* Permanent fund of \$50,000.

*Rhode Island Historical Society.* Owns building and grounds valued at \$30,000, and a permanent fund of \$500.

The other societies named assess smaller sums, but their advantages are less, as in some cases only one meeting is held per annum and there are no publications. The advantages of this Society are equal to many others and superior to some; and it is hoped that all the members will fully appreciate the benefits of their membership, and cheerfully pay into the treasury such amount as may be found necessary to defray the expenses of the association.

It is believed that the work of the Society for the coming year may be quite as useful as the preceding, for, by the experience already gained, we are prepared to enter upon our labors with greater diligence and with a better understanding of our duties, so that with the new system of Departments of Work, we may expect to accomplish much more than heretofore. The assignment of each member to one or more of these Departments, is calculated to draw out and develop the best energies of our membership, and produce results that will be creditable alike to the Society and the members themselves. It is earnestly desired that all will heartily unite in the work allotted them, and that through the blessing of a gracious Providence all may be spared for greater usefulness in the future, and that we ourselves shall be im-

proved, and the world around us made better by our lives of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

Worcester, January 1, 1878.

The Treasurer then submitted his Report as follows, which was accepted :

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*To the Officers and Members of*

*The Worcester Society of Antiquity.*

GENTLEMEN:—In conformity with the requirements of your By-Laws, I have the honor to submit herewith my Second Annual Report. The Receipts and Expenditures of the Society from January 1st, 1877 to January 1st, 1878, are as follows :

1877.	DR.	
Jan. 2.	Cash balance from previous account,	\$1 00
" "	Cash contribution from Members,	4 85
" 16.	Cash from Clark Jillson, Life Membership,	25 00
" "	Cash from Ellery B. Crane, Life Membership,	25 00
June 16.	Cash from Members as per Assessment No. 1,	81 00
Dec. 31.	Cash from Members as per Assesment No. 2,	38 00
Jan. 1, '78.	Cash, temporary loan of Treasurer,	55 02
		<u>-\$229 87</u>
1877.	CR.	
"	Paid for furnishing room and rent,	\$77 70
"	Paid for printing Proceedings, Postals, &c.,	126 75
"	Paid expense of Seal and electrotype,	11 90
"	Paid for obtaining Charter,	5 00
"	Paid for Record Book, &c.,	2 05
"	Paid for Sundries,	6 47
		<u>-\$229 87</u>

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 1st, 1878.

The Librarian's Report was received and placed on file.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Librarian begs leave to report the condition of the Library at the close of the third year of its existence. The Society has purchased forty copies of the Centennial Proceedings on the 4th

of July, 1876, at Worcester; and there have been received by donation, 362 volumes of books, 2027 pamphlets, 1212 newspapers, 159 catalogues, together with a large number of circulars, programmes, prints, views, engravings and portraits.

The Society has received three elegant framed portraits from three members of the Society, Ellery B. Crane, Franklin P. Rice, and Edward I Comins; but the most important and valuable gift is from Hon. Clark Jillson, the same being a fine copy of Cicero's Orations, in Latin, printed in 1472, which is one of the oldest books in this country.

I hereto append a detailed account of the donations received.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. SMITH, *Librarian.*

Worcester, Jan. 1, 1878.

D O N A T I O N S ,

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.—Proceedings No. 69.

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, New York City.—Bulletin, No. 4, Session of 1876-7.

AMMIDOWN, HON. HOLMES, New York City.—His Historical Collections, 2 vols. Also, 2 pamphlets.

ASTOR LIBRARY, New York City.—Its 28th Annual Report.

BARTLETT, THOMAS E.—15 Pamphlets and Circulars; 4 Miscellaneous Papers; 30 Nos. Harpers' Weekly; 4 Nos. Harpers' Bazar.

BARTON, WILLIAM S.—The first 14 volumes of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, in cases, unbound.

BATCHELDER, LYMAN.—One ancient tin Lantern.

BOYDEN, A. G., Bridgewater, Mass.—History and Alumni Record of the State Normal School, 1876.

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, R. I.—Catalogue, 1876-7.

BUTLER, PROF. JAMES D., Madison, Wis.—Pre-Historic Wisconsin.

CLAPP, S. A.—Collection of Clay Formations from the banks of the Connecticut river.

COMINS, EDWARD I.—Framed Portrait of Ebenezer Dunbar, of Leicester, Mass., taken the day he was 100 years old.

CRANE, ELLERY B.—History of Madison and Lake Counties, Wisconsin; Index to American Pedigrees; American Genealogist; Slater Memorial; Runnels and Reynolds Family; Framed Coat of Arms of the Rawson Family.

CRANE, ELLERY B. and RICE, FRANKLIN P.—A framed Portrait of Andrew Johnson.

- DICKINSON, THOMAS A.—1 Almanac, 1760.
- DODGE, BENJAMIN J.—17 Pamphlets.
- DOE, CHARLES H. & Co.—14 volumes Ku Klux Conspiracy, with Report of Committee relating to the same.
- DOUGLAS, HENRY F., Providence, R. I.—Life of Stephen A. Douglas; Notes of the Baptists and their Principles in Norwich, Ct., from the Settlement of the Town to 1850.
- ESSEX INSTITUTE, Salem, Mass.—Bulletin, 1876-7.
- GOULD RANSOM M.—Dedication of Soldiers' Monument in Worcester, 1875.
- HARDING, WILLIAM B.—File of Boston Daily Journal from May to November, 1877.
- HARRINGTON, FRANK W.—1 Robert B. Thomas Almanac.
- HARRIS, CLARENDON.—19 volumes Diplomatic Correspondence; 10 vols. U. S. Public Documents; 2 Reports; Robert B. Thomas Almanacs from 1799 to 1876; 1 Almanac, 1796.
- HASTINGS, THOMAS J.—8 vols. Public Documents, Mass.
- HOBBS, J. S., Augusta, Maine.—19 Public Documents, Maine.
- HOWARD, JOSEPH JACKSON, London, Eng.—Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica—2 Nos.
- JILLSON, CLARK.—Cicero's Orations, printed in 1472; a complete set of Worcester City Documents; his Sketch of the Life of John F. Pond; Six vols. Legal Observer; Report of Committee on re-building the Lynde Brook Dam; 89 vols., 1486 Pamphlets, 2 Broadsides, and numerous Prints and Views.
- JILLSON, HARVEY DWIGHT, M. D., Fitchburg, Mass.—50 volumes and 76 Pamphlets.
- KNOWLTON, E. H.—3 Worcester Directories; 1 County do.; 3 Pamphlets, with numerous Papers, Circulars, and Cards.
- LAWRENCE, E. R.—2 Books, and 1 Map of Worcester.
- MERRIAM, OLIN L.—1 volume and 3 papers.
- METCALF, ISAAC N.—History of the Worcester Choral Union; "Book of Words" of Series of Concerts of Worcester Choral Union, 1874; Book of Programmes of Concerts of the Worcester County Musical Association for the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th Annual Festivals, 14 Nos.
- NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC, GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, Boston.—Annual Proceedings, 1874-5-6-7.
- O'FLYNN, RICHARD.—2 volumes Congressional Globe; 1 Psalm Book; a package of Ballots, such as were used in Ward Five at the State Election, 1876 and 1877.

- PAIGE, REV. LUCIUS R., D. D., Cambridge, Mass.—His History of Cambridge, 1630-1877.
- PROVIDENCE ATHENÆUM, Providence, R. I.—The 41st Annual Report of that institution.
- PUTNAM & DAVIS.—8 volumes, 111 Pamphlets, 138 Circulars, 128 Catalogues, and 2 Engravings.
- PEASE, WILLIAM E., Oxford, Mass.—Reports of Election Cases in Massachusetts, 1780 to 1852; Riley's Narrative; Might and Right, or History of the Dorr War; Franklin's Works; History of the British Empire in America, 2 vols.; Debates in the Massachusetts Convention, 1853, 3 vols.; Massachusetts Convention of 1820; Events in Paris, Jan'y, 1830, with 9 other volumes.
- RICE, FRANKLIN P.—13 Volumes and 57 Pamphlets; View of Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, Boston, framed; Portrait of Edward Everett.
- RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Providence, R. I.—Volume VI. Collections, and Proceedings 1872-3-4-5.
- SALISBURY, STEPHEN, JR.—His work on The Mayas, and the Sources of their History.
- SEAGRAVE, DANIEL.—1 Book; The History of the Heliotype Process; 44 Pamphlets; 866 copies of Daily Spy, and 10 Engravings.
- SMITH, JOHN G.—Mass. Agricultural Reports, complete except for the years 1862 and 1867; Record Volume 25th Reg. Mass. Volunteers Temperance League; 12 Volumes; 1 Testament, formerly owned by Rev. Horace James, and 1 Portrait.
- SMITH, JAMES A.—7 Volumes Coast Survey.
- STAPLES, SAMUEL E.—His Normal Schools and their Origin; 15 Volumes, 1 Pamphlet; 15 miscellaneous papers.
- AUGUSTUS STONE.—7 Volumes; 60 Pamphlets; 1 Magazine; 1 Map; 90 Nos. N. E. Farmer; 1 Review; 1 Catalogue.
- TYLER, REV. ALBERT.—Sundry Bennington and Springfield papers, Centennial Pamphlets and Programmes; Thanksgiving Proclamation of Gov. Rice, 1877; pair of Ancient Wooden Compasses; Ancient Knitting Case.
- TYLER & SEAGRAVE.—The 25th Anniversary of the First Universalist Society in Worcester, Oct. 10th, 1866; Speech of Hon. Geo. F. Hoar; a large quantity of Posters and Broadsides.
- VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.—Annual Address, 1877; Vol. V. Governor and Council of the State of Vermont, from 1804 to 1812.
- WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Madison.—Its 23d Annual Report.
- WHITING, CHARLES B.—2 Pamphlets.
- WRIGHT, COL. CARROLL-D., Boston.—2 vols. Census Report, Mass.

The Committee appointed at a former meeting to report a list of officers for the ensuing year, made their report which was accepted and confirmed by the election of the following officers, by ballot:

*President*—SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

*Vice Presidents*—CLARK JILLSON, ELLERY B. CRANE.

*Secretary*—DANIEL SEAGRAVE.

*Treasurer*—JAMES A. SMITH.

*Librarian*—ALBERT A. LOVELL.

*Standing Committee on Nominations for 3 Years*—EDWARD R. LAWRENCE.

The oath of office was administered to the Secretary and Treasurer by Clark Jillson.

On motion of Mr. Rice, an assessment of five dollars for the present year was made upon each member for the purpose of defraying the current expenses.

The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks.

A meeting of the Society was held Jan. 15th, the same having been adjourned from January 1st, 1878.

The committee on amendments to the Constitution made a report which was adopted, and the articles amended were ordered to be printed. On motion of Mr. Charles R. Johnson, a committee consisting of Ellery B. Crane, Clark Jillson, Albert A. Lovell, Isaac N. Metcalf and Augustus Stone, was appointed to consider the expediency of holding an exhibition or obtaining some person to deliver a lecture for the purpose of raising funds for the benefit of the Society.

The President made his assignment of members to the several Departments of Work, a list of whom will be found on page 4.

The President also appointed as Committee on Biography, Henry L. Shumway, Rev. Thomas E. St. John and Alfred S. Roe.

Mr. Jillson called the attention of the Society to the importance of so changing the By-Laws as to require the annual reports to be made and the officers to be elected at the regular meeting in December each year, for the purpose of making it possible to publish the Proceedings of an entire calendar year together, and have them ready for distribution at the regular meeting in January.

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The following letters in acknowledgment of Honorary Membership have been received since the last meeting of the Society :

PARIS, 24th Dec'r, 1877.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq.,

*Dear Sir:* I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

I have much pleasure in accepting the membership, and I beg you, Mr. Secretary, to convey to the Society my thanks for the honor conferred upon me.

Although my residence in another part of the world will prevent my attending your meetings, it will not lessen the interest which I take in the Society, or my desire to do everything in my power to contribute to its success.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

G. RAWSON.

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PROVIDENCE, Jan. 21st, 1878.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE, Esq.,

*Dear Sir:*—Your letter of Dec. 11th ultimo, came duly to hand, informing me that I had been elected an Honorary Member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity. I have received a pamphlet containing a history of its organization and of its objects, which I have read with much interest and satisfaction. With the ends for which the Society has been formed, I feel the warmest sympathy, and with the spirit which animates its members. Please convey to the Society my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon me by their action in electing me their associate, and the assurance that I will gladly do whatever lies in my power to promote the objects for which the Society exists.

Truly yours,

C. A. STAPLES.



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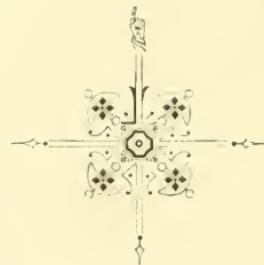
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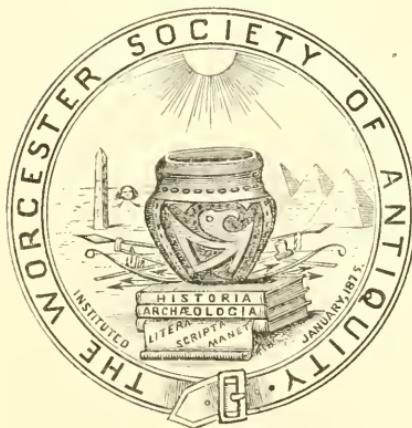
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## INTRODUCTION.

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At a meeting of The Worcester Society of Antiquity held Sept. 12th, 1876, it was decided to copy the inscriptions upon the tombstones then standing in the ancient burial ground in the city of Worcester, called the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, and the following persons were chosen a committee to execute the work: Ellery B. Crane, Albert A. Lovell and Franklin P. Rice. After further discussion during the same evening, the Society deemed it advisable to extend the work further, and the same committee were instructed to enlarge their field of labor by taking in other grounds in Worcester county and vicinity, such as they might select, that had been used for burial purposes by the early settlers of this portion of the Commonwealth, thinking it would preserve for the generations to come a very valuable record that otherwise might be lost, as many of the monuments had already gone to decay, and rude hands were fast demolishing those that had thus far withstood the decay of time. It also was decided that so far as possible, some of the prominent personages on the roll should receive short biographical notices. At a meeting held November 11th, 1876, this committee made a partial report embracing the work done at the Mechanic Street Ground, amounting to something more than three hundred inscriptions.

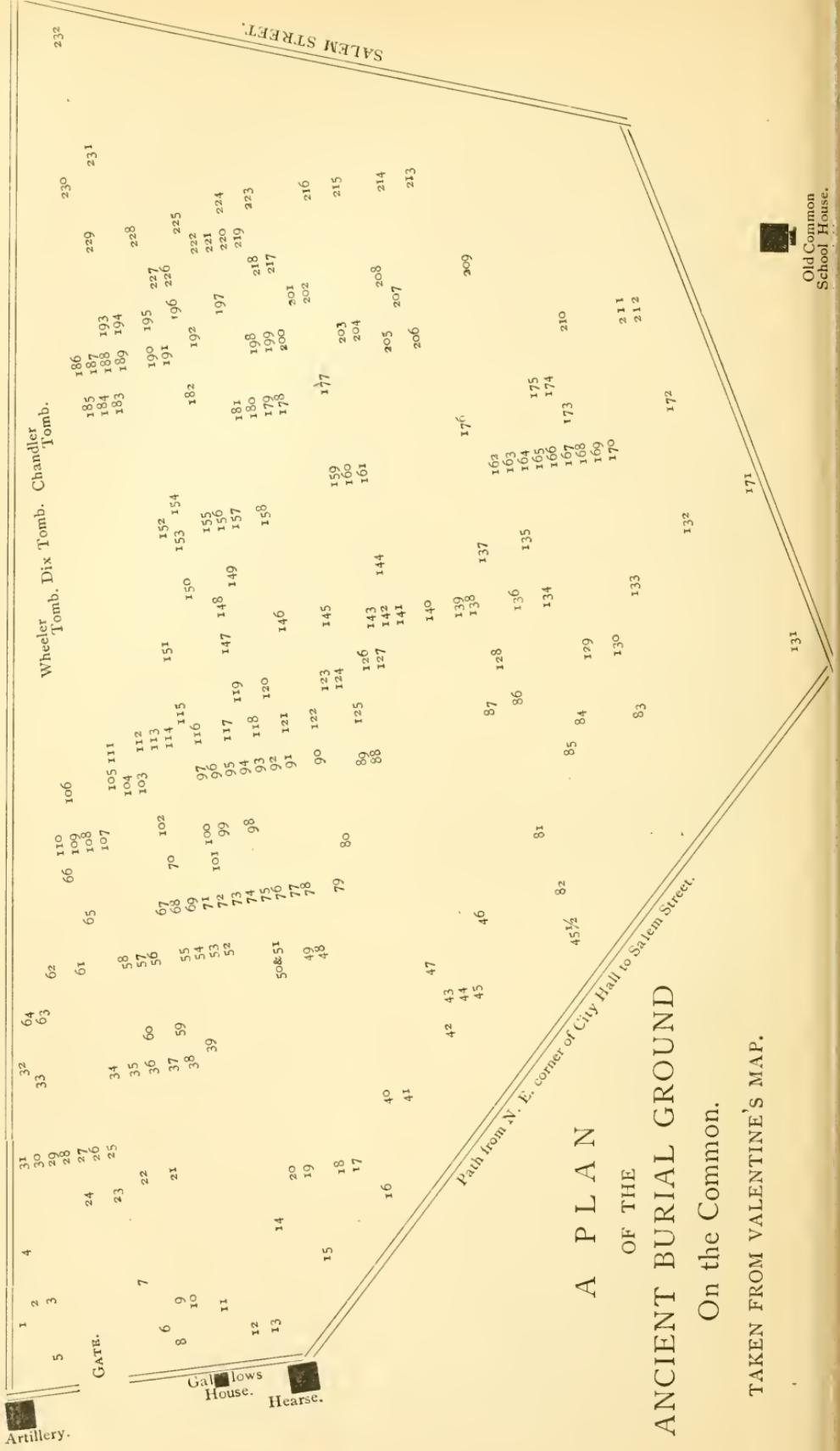
At the meeting following the summer vacation held September 4th, 1877, this committee made a further report showing that the summer months had been well improved, for their communication presented to the Society at this time, represented over one thousand inscriptions taken from the old burial grounds at Lancaster, Mendon, Shrewsbury and Lunenburg. Quite thorough work has been done at these places, and already matter is being collected from other portions of the county, including Rutland, Brookfield, Leicester, Southbridge and Sturbridge. At this meeting, it was also decided to print the matter relating to the Mechanic Street Ground in season for distribution at the regular meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in February,

1878, and this same committee were instructed to superintend the publication of the same. The epitaph matter still remaining in the hands of the Society, together with that which may be collected, will be published at no distant day in the same form and style as the present number, so that should it be thought desirable, all could be bound in one volume, thus making a valuable record of names for the historian or the genealogist.

To William S. Barton, Esq., Worcester's courteous and efficient city treasurer, the Society feel under special obligation for his complete list of inscriptions collected through his own personal efforts from the old burial ground on the Common in 1846, and revised by him in 1875, with his unqualified consent to publish the same with our own work, making so far as possible at this time, a complete record of "Old Mortality" in Worcester, from the earliest settlement down to a time within the recollection of many of its present citizens. The Society are not unmindful of the great labor it has cost the transcriber and its value as a historic record, and desire here to make such an acknowledgment to the public. The biographical and historical notes accompanying these inscriptions have been prepared by the committee in charge of this publication.

In the brief history of the ancient burial places in Worcester given on the following pages, quotation marks have been used to designate the votes and extracts as taken from the old town records, the orthography and quaint abbreviations having been retained.





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ANCIENT  
BURIAL PLACES  
IN  
WORCESTER.

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For a few years after the re-settlement of the town of Worcester, Mass., in 1713, a little spot of ground near what is now the junction of Thomas and Summer streets, was used as a burying place for the dead. Here under the shade of a cluster of beautiful oak trees, a few of the worn-out pioneers of the town were laid away for their final rest. The first death that occurred after this re-settlement was that of Rachel, daughter of John and Jean Kellough who died December 15, 1717. Mr. Lincoln in his history of Worcester tells us, that from that time until the opening of the Burial Ground on the Common, twenty-eight deaths occurred in the town, but the bodies may not all have been deposited here, for tradition says that there were only some seventeen graves marked by little heaps of irregular stones, no lettered monuments having been used.

As early as 1728, and perhaps prior to that date, a place on the southeasterly side of the Common, bordering on what is now Salem Square and Park

street, had been selected for burial purposes, and some of these remains may have been transferred to that spot.

According to the town records, March 29, 1728, Mr. Thomas Stearns was the first man chosen "to sweep the meeting-house and dig the graves." At a town meeting, in the year 1732, William Nickols was appointed by the selectmen to perform that duty. On the 2d day of May, 1737, the town "voted that Capt. Heywood, Ensign Ward and Mr. Samuel Brown, be a committee to agree with a suitable person to fence in the Burying Ground at the expense of the town, the burying place to contain about one acre and a half, if it may be." It would seem that for some reason the committee did not push forward the work assigned them very rapidly, for in April, 1738, it was "voted that the committee appointed May 2d, 1737, proceed as speedily as may be, to fence the burying place with a two rail fence, and a stone-wall under it, and to lay their account before the town." And at the annual meeting held March 5th, 1738-9, it was "voted that Pallmer Golding, Mr. James Holdin and Mr. Phinius Heywood, be added to the committee for fencing the burying place, and that they are desired to proceed in that affair, and complete the same as soon as may be." April 19th, 1742, by a vote of the town they were again admonished to proceed with the work with all possible speed. The trouble seemed to be that the committee could not agree on the style of fence to be constructed. March 7th, 1742-3, again the committee were urged by a

vote of the town to complete the fence around the burying ground with all possible speed, and this time to enclose it with a "board fence left into cedar posts." - And again the importance of completing that fence was urged May 16, 1744. But this fence was not to be so easily built, and again, October 8th, 1744, the voters of the town found occasion to choose another committee, composed of "Thomas Wheeler, John Chandler, Jr., and John Chaddick, to fence in the burying place with a good and substantial stone-wall of four fitt high to be eighteen parch on ye northeasterly side, twelve parch on ye southeasterly side, twenty parch on ye southwesterly side and five parch on ye northwesterly side, in which there must be a gate, and the sum of fifteen pounds is granted to be applyed for that purpose, the same to be levyed and assessed according to law." Should that sum prove to be too much, the balance should remain subject to the order of the town; if insufficient, then more money should be graited to complete the work. But Lieut. Holdin had already delivered some cedar posts on the former order of the town to build the board fence, for the records show, that at a town meeting held April 15, 1745, he presented a bill for the same, and the "selectmen were ordered to settle the matter with him according to their best judgment." As the records give no account of money having been paid the lieutenant for the seven or eight years following, it is fair to suppose that the good influence of the selectmen induced Mr. Holdin to withdraw his claim and carry his cedar posts to another market.

At a town meeting held October 31st, 1749, Dea. Wheeler was instructed "to erect a suitable gate at the burying place," and Asa Moore was allowed the sum of ten shillings, at a town meeting held May 13th, 1751, "for mending stocks & pound & new hinges for the burying place." October 1st, 1753, the town "voted that the sum of three pounds be granted for repairing the meeting-house and fencing the burying place, and that Daniel Heywood and Capt. Thomas Stearns be a committee to see that the burying place gate be hung, the wall mended up, and poled with good pealed poles, and that they agree with some suitable persons to see the same completed as soon as may be, at the best lay they can." September 13th, 1756, the town "voted to procure a new Burying cloth at a cost of six pounds." The efforts of the last named committee must have availed something, leaving the town properly equipped in this department, for nothing relating to the wants of the burying place is found on the town records for many years afterwards. It, however, became necessary to repair the fence of the old Burying Ground in 1795, and at a meeting held May 6th of that year, the town voted that Samuel Brazer and Charles Stearns be a committee to see to making the proposed repairs ; this same committee being also instructed to view and report at the next town meeting about fencing the New Burying Ground (now Mechanic Street.)

After this, the town seems to have given very little attention to burials on the Common, although interments were made there for some years after-

wards, which caused the town, at a meeting held Aug. 23d, 1824, to pass a "vote that no more interments should be made in the burying ground near the Common or South Meeting-house in said town." Thus the grounds remained in a partially neglected state until the year 1850, when a proposition was made in the city council, contemplating the removal of the remains of those buried in the old cemetery, and the grading of the east side of the old Common, in accordance with the best judgment of a committee to be appointed by that body. So many serious objections were raised against that project by interested persons, that it became necessary to present a new plan for consideration, and Aug. 22d, 1853, the city council adopted the following order "That Aldermen Charles White and Moses D. Phillips, Councilmen James S. Woodworth, Chas. Washburn and Samuel B. Dennis be a committee to cause a careful and accurate survey to be made of the Old Burying Ground upon the Common, and to cause a plan or map of the same to be drawn, upon which shall be delineated every grave, properly marked or numbered; that they then cause substantial bounds to be set at every angle, and in such other places as they may think proper or necessary, the inscriptions of every stone or monument now standing to be copied and preserved, and then to bury all the stones at least twelve inches under the surface of the ground upon the graves, where they now stand; that they then cause the surface of the ground to be smoothed over, not changing the grade in any place so as to injure any trees that shall be

left standing; that they then cause all the under-brush to be removed, and as many of the trees as they shall deem proper, (the trees to be removed at a suitable season of the year for transplanting,) without, however, impairing the beauty of the grove." This order was carefully executed by the committee, Gill Valentine, Esq., being employed to prepare the map and list of inscriptions, the same being duly placed in the hands of the City Clerk.

Thus closes our brief sketch of the history of the Burial Place on the Common. Nothing now remains above the sod to mark the sacred spot, where so long ago mourning relatives and friends performed the last solemn rite due to humanity. The monument erected to the memory of Col. Timothy Bigelow by his grandson, Col. Timothy Bigelow Lawrence, son of Abbott Lawrence of Boston, was placed over his grave in 1861. The dedication exercises took place April 19th, just eighty-six years from the day Col. Bigelow led the minute men who marched from Worcester for Lexington.

The *new* burying ground, before mentioned, or what is now called the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, was originally a portion of what was termed the ministerial and school lands, granted by the General Court to Worcester, on the organization of the town. At a meeting held March 20th, 1786, the town having previously been granted the right by the General Court, "voted to sell the ministerial and school lands, lying east and near Capt. Palmer Goulding's, and that it be sold at Public Vendue." Timothy Paine, Esq., Capt. Samuel Brooks, Col.

Timothy Bigelow, Joseph Wheeler, Esq., and Dr. Elijah Dix were chosen a committee to sell the same, and were empowered to give and execute good and sufficient deed or deeds to the purchasers." There were other lands embraced in the ministerial and school grant; but this parcel as surveyed out by Capt. John Pierce, May 5th, 1786, contained thirteen and one-quarter acres and twenty-three rods, and the burial ground lot was selected near the center of the plot, its shape being much the same then as now. In the meantime, death had robbed the committee of their chairman, Timothy Paine, Esq., but November 3d, 1794, the following report stands recorded on the town book. "The committee chosen March 20th, 1786, to sell the ministerial and school land lying east and near Palmer Goulding's, would report that they had caused a survey thereof to be made by Capt. John Pierce, a plan of which is herewith exhibited, and after duly notifying the time and place of sale, proceeded to sell the same at Public Vendue at the house of Mr. Ephraim Mower, Inn-holder in said Worcester,\* at two several times, and then and there sold the following lots to the following persons, they being the highest bidders, viz.: Lot, No. 1, containing 1 3-4 acres and sum rods, sold to Daniel Goulding for the sum of 20 pounds; lot, No. 2, containing 121 rods, sold to Silas Harrington for the sum of 19 pounds, 10 shillings, and by him released to Jn<sup>o</sup> Jacob Wagoner who sold ye same to Jacob Miller, ye present possessor; lot, No.

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\* This hotel stood on Main street near the corner of Mechanic, on the site now occupied by Clark's block.

3, containing 110 rods, sold to Benj. Converse for the sum of 20 pounds, 9 shillings, which his guardian has since sold to Ignatius Goulding; lot, No. 4, containing 82 rods, sold to Nathan Patch who forfeited his earnest money, and the same has since been sold to William Goulding for the sum of 15 pounds, 10 shillings; lot, No. 5, containing 5 3-4 acres and 14 rods, sold to Jonathan Gates who forfeited his earnest money, and the same has since been sold to Abel Stowell for the sum of 27 pounds, 15 shillings; lot, No. 6, containing 2 acres and 58 rods, sold to Ignatius Goulding for the sum of 42 pounds, 10 shillings." This sale left the new burial ground bounded, as follows: on the north and east by land of Abel Stowell, on the south by a road\* separating it from the lots belonging to Ignatius Goulding and Jacob Miller, on the west by land of Ignatius Goulding.

The fourth article in the call for a town meeting to be held May 6th, 1795, was "To see if the town will take any measures for repairing the fence on the old burial ground, and to view the new one, and to report at next town meeting what kind of fence will be proper, and when to be built." As before mentioned, the committee chosen to perform this duty, was Samuel Brazer and Charles Stearns, and they presented the following report at the town meeting held October 19, 1795: "That they are of the opinion that the new burying ground should have a wall on three sides of common stone, but the front side of stone from the mill stone hill, and that

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\* Now Mechanic street.

a committee be chosen to procure the said stones the coming winter, and have the wall built soon as may be next spring, also to grant money for the said purpose. Samuel Brazer and Charles Stearns committee."

The report was accepted, and they were empowered to execute the work according to their report. At a meeting held April 4, 1796, the town "voted that the committee chosen for fencing the new burying ground be authorized and empowered to purchase any lands which they may suppose necessary for the purpose of accommodating the same, and to exchange any part of the same for any ground which they may suppose proper, and make and execute a deed or deeds thereof." The action of the town at the last meeting would rather indicate that some little changes in the shape of the grounds were in contemplation. September 24th, 1798, the town voted "to choose a committee to survey the New Burying Ground, and lay the same out into proper squares or lots, and lay a plan before the town, at the adjournment of the meeting, Mr. David Andrews, Mr. William Trobridge and Mr. Samuel Brazer were chosen a committee for said purpose." This committee made a report at a town meeting held Oct. 8th, 1798, showing the shape of the ground to have been slightly changed from the original plot of 1786. The town voted to accept the report, and also to instruct the same committee to "stake out the ground according to their plan, and that they lodge a plan with the town clerk to be recorded in the town book, and that they leave an-

other plan with the sexton, that he may dig the graves for the future agreeable to said plan." May 14th, 1799, that committee reported that "they had attended to that province, and have numbered said lots, and entered the names of the heads of such families as have taken up any of said lots on the plan in the hands of the sexton, and requested him to give the same to the town clerk that he may enter the same on the plan in his possession, and would recommend that when any inhabitant has any occasion for taking a lot, he may apply to the town clerk, and whatever lot he chooses to take may be reserved for his family, and entered on the aforesaid plan. David Andrews per Order."

The only means of access to the New Burial Ground in 1786 was by a town road, located May 5th, 1786, at the time the plot was made by Capt. John Pierce, recommended by the selectmen, and adopted by a vote of the town, March 12th, 1787. It was about forty feet in width, "beginning at the town road, leading by Capt. Palmer Goulding's to Grafton (now Front street) at a stake and heap of stones placed eleven and one half rods west of the bridge over Mill Brook, thence running north 5 1-2° east through said ministerial lands, so called, 17 1-2 rods, then turning and running west 26° north, until it met with the town road (Main street) lately laid through said land up to the southeast corner lot of a lot of said ministerial land, sold to Joseph Allen, Esq. Nathan Perry, John Chamberlin, Jesse Taft, selectmen." That portion of the town road just described as running nearly east and west is a part

of what is now called Mechanic street, and the portion described as running north, the part of what is now Bridge street lying between Front and Mechanic streets. In 1835, at the time of the construction of the Boston and Worcester railroad along the northern border of this burial ground, it was found necessary to clip off the east and west corners a few feet, so that the northerly line now forms a slight curve. Perhaps no other change has been made from the plan as it was surveyed and divided into lots, October 2d, 1798. The first body deposited here is said to be that of Leonard Worcester, Jr., infant son of the Rev. Leonard Worcester, who for several years was associated with Isaiah Thomas in the editorial management of the Worcester SPY from 1791 to 1797. Interments continued to be made here until 1859, although there were but few made after 1830. April 30th, 1827, Austin Denny, Lewis Bigelow, Silas Brooks, Enoch Flagg, Thomas Chamberlin, Samuel Terry, Fred. William Paine, Ebenezer Mower, Otis Corbett and Samuel Ward were chosen by a vote of the town to constitute a committee for the purpose of considering the subject of a new burial ground, and to report at the next town meeting. March 3d, 1828, that committee made a report, and "the same was re-committed to said committee." Again at a meeting, May 5, 1828, their report was recommitted, and at a meeting held May 10th, the committee was discharged, and the selectmen were empowered to purchase a lot of land not to exceed eight acres of Mr. Samuel Hathaway, the price not to be more than one hundred dollars.

per acre ; and the town also voted to fence the same providing the said lot be obtained.

This land thus procured by the selectmen of the town has been known as the "Pine Meadow Burial Ground," and was in use for some years. Quite a large number of interments were made there, but the remains have nearly all been taken up, and the remainder are now being removed, to make room in order to satisfy the demands made by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for more ground on which to construct tracks and buildings for the accommodation of their largely increasing business.

INSCRIPTIONS  
FROM THE  
OLD BURIAL GROUND  
ON THE COMMON.

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Adams.

1. In memory of Mr. Charles Adams. He died Nov<sup>r</sup> ye 3<sup>d</sup>, 1773 in the 86<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

As living men my Tomb do view  
Remember well her's Room for you.

2. Here lies buried the Body of Mrs Eunice Adams, wife of Mr. Nathaniel Adams. Dec<sup>d</sup> July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1747 in ye 32<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

3. Mrs. Hannah Adams.

(The name only was found upon a foot-stone.)

4. In memory of Mrs Mary, wife of Mr. Samuel Adams, & the mother of Mr. Nathaniel Adams. She died March ye 5<sup>th</sup> 1772 in ye 85<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

5. Mr. Nathaniel Adams Dec'd 1776. }  
Mrs. Lucy Adams Dec'd 1776. }

Mr. Adams was one of the “52 protesters” who in the year 1774 entered on our town records their royalist declaration and protest against the then *revolutionary* proceedings in this place. The town afterwards voted that the signers of that protest be deemed “unworthy of

holding any town office or honor" until satisfaction made, and that their recorded protest be entirely obliterated. Satisfaction was accordingly made by most of the protesters, and the record (as may be seen at the Clerk's office) was made completely illegible. His name also occurs in the list of persons disarmed by order of the Committee of Correspondence in May, 1775, and forbidden to depart the town on account of sympathy for the royal cause.

### Andrew.

6. Elizabeth Andrew, Dau. of Samuel, born 1752, died 1753.\*

7. Samuel Andrew, Died Sept. 24, 1760, a. 46.

8. Samuel Andrew, Jr., son of Samuel, b. March, 1748, d. Feb. 6, 1750.

### Andrews.

9. Henry Andrews, s. of Benjamin and Sally, Died Mar. 10, 1795, a 5 y. 9 m.

10. James Andrews s of Benjamin and Sally, d. Aug. 28, 1795, a. 8 y. 6 m.

11. Sally Andrews, w of Lieut. Benjamin, d. Nov. 9, 1796, a 34.

### Ball.

12. Here lies buried the Body of Mr. John Ball who died Janry ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1756 in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

### Barber.

13. Erected in memory of Mr James Barber who died March 30<sup>th</sup> 1812 Aet 85.

14. Here lyes buried the Body of Mrs Martha Barber, wife of Mr Joseph Barber, who died April 7<sup>th</sup> 1781, Aged 39 years 8 months and 22 days.

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\* All similar brief inscriptions are copied verbatim from the record made by Gill Valentine in 1852.

15. In memory of Mrs Mary Ann Barber, wife of Mr. James Barber who died Oct. 11, 1802 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

16. Here lies the Bodys of Nancy & Mary, Daughters to Mr. Robert & Mrs Sarah Barber. Nancy died Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> in the 22<sup>d</sup> year of her age. Mary died Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> in ye 20<sup>th</sup> year of her age, 1756.

(Upon the foot-stone the following inscription :)

Take notice man what here dost see,  
As thou art now so once were we,  
And as we're now, so shalt thou be,  
Remember man that thou must die.

17. Here lies Buried the Body of Mr. Robert Barber who died Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1769 in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

He came from Weston to Worcester in 1730, and was a descendant of the emigrant, Thomas Barber, who came to this country in 1635, and settled at Windsor, Conn. This Robert Barber had brothers, Hezekiah who settled at Weston, and Mathew who located at Westfield. They were children of Thomas, Jr., of Charlestown.

18. In memory of Mrs Sarah Barber, widow of Mr Robert Barber. She died June 9<sup>th</sup> 1790 Aged 86 years.

Wife of Robert Barber ; was Sarah Gray, dau. of one of the Scotch Presbyterian Emigrants.

### Barnard.

My Glass is run.

19. Erected in memory of Isaac Barnard, Esqr. who departed this life March ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1788. Aged 86 years.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, Yea,—saith the spirit,—that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Rev. xiv. 13.

A Royalist Protester of 1774. Disarmed by order of the Committee of Correspondence in May, 1775.

20. Erected in memory of Mrs. Sarah Barnard, relict of Isaac Barnard, Esqr. who died April 9, 1806 Act. 97.

### **Bigelow.**

21. In memory of Mr Daniel Bigelow who died August 29 1776, in his 48 year of his age.

A brother of the distinguished Col. Timothy Bigelow and father of Daniel Bigelow 3rd, who in 1776 formed connection with William Stearns, Esq. in the publication of the Spy, and afterwards studied law and practiced in Petersham. Daniel Bigelow 3rd was at different times representative, senator, member of the executive council and county attorney.

22. In memory of Timothy Bigelow, Esq. Commander of the 15<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Regt. in the Revolutionary War with Great Britain. Born Aug. 12 1739. He died Apr. 4, 1790 Aged 50 years. Here lie his remains.

Born in Worcester, was son of Daniel Bigelow and Elizabeth (Whitney) Bigelow who came to Worcester from Watertown. He was a descendant of John Bigelow the emigrant, who was a son of Randall Bigelow of Wrentham, County of Suffolk, England. This John was in Watertown as early as 1636, and married, 1642, Mary Warren, also born in England.

Col. Bigelow was one of the prime movers in the provincial cause in the revolutionary war, being associated with Warren, Otis and other leading spirits. In March, 1773, he was elected a member of the local Committee of Correspondence and continued a member until called into active service in April, 1775. He was active in the organization of the American Political Society in December, 1773, comprising the leading patriots of the town, and meetings of the Society were frequently held at his house. He was an influential member of many revolutionary committees. Was a delegate from this town at the first and second sessions of the Provincial Congress in 1774 and 1775.

In the spring of 1775, Mr. Isaiah Thomas, the publisher of the Massachusetts Spy, printed in Boston, was placed by the British authorities on the list of suspicious persons, and his paper was proscribed. Joseph Warren and Timothy Bigelow advised his removal with his press and types to Worcester. Although an affair of some difficulty and requiring great caution, Capt. Bigelow undertook the task, and selecting a dark night, he with others succeeded in conveying the press and types to Barton's Point, and ferrying them to Charlestown, and from thence transporting them to Worcester to the basement of his own house, where the press was set up ready for use.

He organized and commanded the company of minute men which marched from Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775, and on the organization of the army at Cambridge, was appointed major in the regiment of which Jonathan Ward was colonel. He took part in the ill-fated expedition against Quebec in the fall of 1775, was taken prisoner and confined nearly a year, when he was paroled and afterwards exchanged, and was soon in active service as Lieut.-Colonel. Feb. 8, 1777, he received a commission as Colonel, and was appointed to the command of the 15th Massachusetts regiment in the Continental army, then forming principally of men from Worcester county. On the completion of the regimental organization he marched with his command to join the northern army under Gen. Schuyler, arriving in season to assist in the capture of Burgoyne by Gen. Gates at Saratoga. He was also in service in Rhode Island, Verplanck's Point, Robinson's Farms, N. J., Peekskill, Monmouth, Valley Forge, West Point and Yorktown. At the close of the war, he was stationed for a time at West Point, and afterwards assigned to the command of the arsenal at Springfield. On relinquishing his military duties, he returned to Worcester, and engaged in his old occupation as a blacksmith. In 1780, he with others obtained a grant of 23,040 acres of land in Vermont, upon which he founded a town, giving it the name of Montpelier, now the capital of the State. He is described as having been a man of fine personal appearance, tall and erect, and possessed of a martial bearing. He married Anna Andrews, July 7, 1762.

In 1861, the remains of Col. Bigelow were exhumed, incased in a metallic casket, and placed in a receptacle beneath the base of the monument, erected by his great-grandson, Col. Timothy Bigelow Lawrence of Boston.

**Blair.**

23. Sacred to the memory of Mr. Increase Blair who deceased Nov<sup>r</sup>. 11<sup>th</sup> 1797 Aged 40 years. of Huldah his wife, who died July 9, 1798 aged 38 years, and of two of their children, viz: Nancy who died April 11<sup>th</sup> 1794 Aged 11 months, and Alexander who died March 5, 1796 Aged 5.

This monumental memorial of this group of victims to mortality demands the passenger's tearful Remembrance.

Parents & babes together lie  
Till Jesus call them to the sky.

## Memento mori.

24. In memory of Charles, son of Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Mary Blair who died May y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1775 in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Time shall be slain, all nature destroy'd  
Nor leave an atom in mighty void.

25. Here lyes interr'd the remains of Mrs. Isabel Blair wife of Mr. Robert Blair who died Febr<sup>ry</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1765 Aged 82 years.

## Memento mori.

26. In memory of Mr. Robert Blair who died Oct<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 14 AD 1774 in the 91 year of his age.

How great, how firm, how sacred all appears,  
How worthy an immortal round of years,  
Yet all must drop as Autumn's ripest grain,  
And Earth and Firmament be sought in vain.

Son of Abraham Blair who distinguished himself in the famous siege of Londonderry, A. D. 1689. In recognition of his services, he was made free of taxation throughout the British Provinces.

**Bowles.**

27. Sarah Bowles, Dau. of Dea. William and Sarah. Died June 3, 1790 a. 21.

The sweet remembrance of the Just,  
Shall flourish when they sleep in Dust.

28. Susanna Bowles Dau. of Dea. William and Sarah. Died June 6, 1790 a 8.

**Boyden.**

29. In memory of Mary, Daut of Mr. Daniel Boyden & Mrs. Mehitabel, his wife, died March 1<sup>st</sup> 1755 in ye 4<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

**Brown.**

30. Arad Brown son of Lieut Samuel and Abigail : Died Aug. 31, 1782, a 7 m 25 da.

31. In memory of Mrs Elizabeth Lydia Brown, wife of Lieut Luke Brown, who dec'd Aug. 11, 1751 Aged about 27 years.

Reader, behold as you pass by,  
As you are liveing so was I.  
As I am now so you must be  
Prepare for death and follow me

32. In memory of Elizabeth Brown daughter of Mr. Samuel & Abigail Brown. She deceased June ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1776, in the tenth year of her age.

She often made our hearts for to rejoice, her pleasant nature, arts & chearful voice  
But God had Right to call for what he lent, her glass is run & all her days are spent

33. Here lyes inter'd the remains of Mr. James Brown who departed this life January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1778, in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Now I behold with sweet delight  
The Blessed Three in one  
And stronge affections fix my sight  
On God's incarnate son.

34. Here lyes the remains of Mr. Luke Brown, Jun<sup>r</sup> who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 6th, 1776 in the 31 year of his age.

Reader, Remember death.

He kept the public house known as the Hancock Arms Tavern, the principal rendezvous of the patriots in the early days of the Revolu-

tion. This tavern was situated on what is now Lincoln street nearly opposite the old gas works. He was son of Lieut. Luke Brown, who was formerly an opulent citizen of this place, and came here from the town of Sudbury, probably several years preceding the year 1750, and kept the public house which was burned Christmas Eve, 1824, and which stood near the ancient first jail. He acquired considerable wealth by speculating in public lands. It was while on a journey to New York for the purpose of purchasing the town now called Newfane in Vermont that he caught the small pox. His disorder disclosed itself soon after his return to Worcester and carried him off in a few days. His body was buried on the north side of the lane (Jo Bill Road,) leading west from what is now Salisbury street. Report says that he had few friends, was avaricious, and procured his property not perhaps by the most honorable means. The monument erected to his memory was in 1827 to be seen lying on the surface of the ground near where his body was interred. It was much defaced, being broken in the middle, and some parts of the inscription hardly legible. The epitaph is as follows :

Here lie buried the remains of Lieut. Luke Brown, who having taken the infection of the small pox at New York, and died of the same after his return home, viz: April 14, 1772, Aged 58. Buried here to prevent the spreading of the infection.

In the French war, Luke Brown, sen., was lieutenant of a detachment of men from Col. John Chandler's regiment under Capt. John Curtis that marched to the relief of Fort William Henry in 1759.

His son Luke Brown, Jr. succeeded him in this tavern, but soon became intemperate, and died as stated on the monument over his grave, Nov. 6, 1776, aged 31.

35. Molley Brown wife of John Brown and dau of Ignatius and Elizabeth Goulding, d. Feb. 13, 1787 a 20 yrs,—m and 13 da.

Life is short, but Death is sure  
Sin is the wound & Christ is the cure  
Of fallen man,—Salvation sure.

36. Here lies buried the body of Mrs Rebekah Brown, ye wife of Mr James Brown. Died Feby 26<sup>th</sup> 1756 in ye 42 year of her age

37. Erected in memory of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Samuel Brown who departed this life May ye 25<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1785 in the 42<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Death steady to his purpose from ye womb,  
Pursues till we are driven to the tomb  
O-reader-wisely lay this thought to heart  
And seek an interest in the better part  
Then when you close in death your mortal eyes  
Your soul may rise & reign above the skies

Selectman, 1781, 1782, 1783. He was a member of the American Political Society, a whig organization formed in 1773 for the purpose of counteracting royal influence. A member of Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company that marched on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775; First Lieutenant in Capt. Josiah Fay's company in Col. Jona. Ward's regiment, 1775; Adjutant under Lieut.-Col. Benj. Flagg on the alarm at Bennington, 1777.

38. Here lyes buried the Body of Mr. Thomas Brown who departed this life Dec'mr 11<sup>th</sup>, 1776 in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Reader - Death is a debt to nature due  
Which I have paid and so must you.

### Bush.

39. John Bush Died January 28, 1816, a 61 years.

Lived in the Sheriff Chandler house on Main street for a long time known as the Bush house, and more latterly owned and occupied by Hon. I. M. Barton. This house stood on the present site of Taylor's Block, west of the old common.

40. Hannah Bush wife of John Bush Died Feb. 1, 1807 a 39 y 11 m.

Sweet is the sleep that here we take,  
Until in Jesus we awake;  
Then shall our happy souls rejoice  
To hear our blessed Saviour's voice.

### Carlyle.

41. James Carlyle Died A. D. 1758.

42. Mary Carlyle, w. of James, d. Aug. 24, 1755  
a 34.

### Chadick.

43. Mrs A\*\*\* Chadick w. of John. d Dec . . .  
1766 a 46.

44. Here lies ye body of Mrs. Hannah Chadick wife of Mr John Chadick. Died May 4<sup>th</sup> 1752 in ye 53<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

45. Hannah Chadick, dr of John Jr. and Lydia, b. Sep. 5, 1750. d Aug. 21, 1762 a 12.

46. John Chadick d. July 17 1768. a 67.

47. Here lies buried the body of Mr. John Chadick Jun<sup>r</sup> who died Sept. 3<sup>d</sup> 1763. Aged 36 years. & By his right side 2 infants of his.

48. Lydia Chadick.

(Foot-stone only, according to Valentine.)

### Chamberlain.

49. Elizabeth Chamberlain dr. of John and Mary. d. Mar. 19 1787 a 17 m. 3 w.

50. Elizabeth Prentice Chamberlain dr. of John and Mary. d. Feb. 17. 1785 a 10 y. 3 m.

51. Sacred to the memory of Deacon Jacob Chamberlain who departed this life March ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1790 in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his age. Who fulfilled the office of a Deacon in the Church of Christ in Worcester for about 28 years with Satisfaction to the Church and Honour to himself. He was possess'd of good natural Abilities Useful in the Society of which he was a member Instructive and entertaining in conversation Compassionate to the afflicted Given to hospitality—sound in the faith And now, we trust, has entered into his Eternal Rest.

Dea. Jacob Chamberlain was born at a place called Oak Hill in Newton, Nov. 28, 1719. He married Lydia Stone of Newton in early life, when he removed to Worcester and settled on the farm now (1877) occupied by the widow of the late Marshall Flagg, where he lived during the residue of his life. By his first wife he had nine children, viz: John, Sarah, Thaddeus, Lydia, Jacob, Susan-nah, Abigail, Mary and William. By a second wife (widow of Abel Heywood who was son of Maj. Heywood of ancient memory in this town,) he had one daughter, Nancy.

Dea. Jacob Chamberlain was selectman of the town, 1761. A tory protester of 1774, numbered among the internal enemies by the Committee of Correspondence in 1775, and disarmed by that Committee.

52. In memory of Mrs Lydia Chamberlin, wife of Deac<sup>n</sup> Jacob Chamberlin, who was born in New-town, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1724. Died Decem. 29<sup>th</sup> 1768.

Mrs. Chamberlin was Lydia Stone of Newton.

53. Susana Chamberlin dr. of Dea. Jacob and Lydia. d. Sep. 25 1756. a 5 y. 3 m. 4 da.

### Chapin.

54. In memory of Mrs Dorothy Chapin wife of Mr. Benjamin Chapin Jun<sup>r</sup>, who died July 14<sup>th</sup> 1775 in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

### Clark.

55. Joseph Clark d. June 8, 1772 a 77

### Cook.

56. James Cook, s. of George and Phebe. d. July 8, 1792 a 6

Return my friends  
Dry up your tears  
You will see me again  
When Christ appears.

**Cowden.**

57. Here lies intered the Body of Experience, once wife of Thomas Cowden. She died April 3<sup>d</sup> 1760 in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Here also by her right side is buried their male child, and by her left their two female children.

58. Here lies buried the Body of Mr. James Cowden. Died Octr. 1<sup>st</sup>. 1748 in ye 63<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

**Curtis.**

59. In memory of Dolly F. Curtis. Dau. of Mr. David & Mrs. Susanna Curtis Born Oct. 16, 1792. Died Aug. 27, 1796.

60. In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis wife of Capt. John Curtis, who died Nov. 14, 1802.  $\text{\AA}$ Et 90.

She Was daughter of Rev. Mr. Prentice of Lancaster.

61. In memory of Capt. John Curtis, who died June 29<sup>th</sup> 1797 in ye 90 yr of his age.

Son of Ephraim Curtis, was born at Sudbury, Sept. 21, 1707. Married Rebekah Waite, probably of Sudbury, by whom he had all his children, viz: John, James, Joseph, Mary, William, Sarah and Tyler. He married for a second wife, Elizabeth Robbins, who was a daughter of Rev. Mr. Prentice of Lancaster. Capt. Curtis for many years kept a public house which was a general rendezvous for all the ministers passing to and fro.

He held important civil offices, among which were those of Deputy Sheriff and Coroner. He was Captain of a detachment of men from Col. John Chandler, Jr's, regiment that marched from Worcester on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry in 1757. During the revolutionary war, he sympathized with the royal cause, and was a signer of the tory protest of 1774. Also, deemed an internal enemy and disarmed in 1775.

62. In memory of Mr. John Curtis who was born May 19<sup>th</sup> 1731. Died Dec<sup>mr</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1768.

A son of Capt. John Curtis.

63. In memory of Nathaniel Curtis who died June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1818. Age 52.

64. In memory of Mrs Rebekah Curtis, wife of Capt John Curtis. Died March 24<sup>th</sup> 1755 in ye 45<sup>th</sup> year of her age, ye 1<sup>st</sup> month.

Mrs. Curtis was Rebekah Waite of Sudbury.

65. In memory of Susanna Curtis Dau. of Mr. David & Mrs. Susanna Curtis. Born May 15 1794. Died May 1 1795

### Drowne.

66. In memory of Miss Katharine Drowne, eldest Daugh<sup>r</sup> of Mr. Thomas Drowne late of Boston Deceas<sup>d</sup>. Died Jan. 23<sup>d</sup> 1807 AE. 69.

Sweet were the hopes that cheer'd her soul,  
Those hopes by God were given.  
And tho' her body sleeps in dust,  
Her soul ascends to Heaven.

67. In memory of Mrs Mary Drowne, Daughter of Mr. Thomas Drowne late of Boston Dec<sup>d</sup>. who died Oct 21, 1816 Act. 65.

### Elder.

68. In memory of Esther Elder who died August 31<sup>st</sup> 1772 in the 59 year of her age.

Also called "Hester," wife of William.

69. Here lyes the Bodys of Rebecca & Esther, Daught<sup>rs</sup> of Will<sup>m</sup> & Hester Elder. Reb<sup>ca</sup> died July 7<sup>th</sup> in ye 20<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Hester died July 16<sup>th</sup> in ye 6<sup>th</sup> year of her age. 1756.

70. Fanny Elder, Dr. of John Jr. and Lydia. d Aug. 13, 1795, a. 3.

71. In memory of Mr. William Elder, who died July 29<sup>th</sup> 1786 in ye 79 yr of his age.

Private in a detachment of men from Col. John Chandler's regiment, under Capt. James Goodwin, that marched on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, 1757. "Tory Protester" 1774.

### Fisk.

72. David Fisk Died Nov. 23, 1777. a 44.

73. Here lies ye body of Mrs Elizabeth Fisk, wife of Mr John Fisk, Died June 13<sup>th</sup> 1752, in ye 63<sup>rd</sup> year of her age.

74. In memory of Mr. John Fisk who died Nov<sup>r</sup> ye 2<sup>d</sup> 1758 in ye 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

75. Jonathan Fisk Died Jany 8, 1781. a 52.

### Flagg.

76. In memory of Mr. Abel Flagg, who dec<sup>d</sup> Sept. ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1775 in the 22 year of his age.

All you that read the state of me  
think of the glafs that runs for thee.

77. Here lies Buried the Body of Capt. Benjamin Flagg, Esq who died June 12<sup>th</sup> 1751, in the 61<sup>st</sup> year of his age.

So man lieth down and riseth not till the heavens be no more  
They shall not awake, nor be called out of their sleep.

Benjamin Flagg was selectman of the town for many years; sheriff of the county from 1743 to 1751; also representative to the General Court. He was a son of Benjamin Flagg who came from Watertown to Worcester.

78. Daniel Flagg, son of Phinehas & Rhoda, d. Mar. 12, 1810, a 24.

Christ my Redeemer lives,  
And often from the skies  
Looks down & watches all my dust,  
Till he shall bid it rise.

79. In memory of Mrs Dolly Flagg, wife of Samuel Flagg, Esq. who died March 10. 1824. Aged 84 years.

80. In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Flagg, Relict of ye late Benjamin Flagg Esqr, who died Novem<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1769, in ye 77<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

81. Elizabeth Flagg. Dau. of Abel & Susannah d. May 23, 1810 a 7:—

So fades the lovely blooming flower,  
Sweet, smiling solace of an hour.

82. Eunice Flagg w. of Josiah: d. Dec. 26, 1785 a 28.

83. George Flagg s. of Silas & Anna: d. Jan. 3, 1792: a 9 m. 14 da

Sleep on my bab,  
And take thy rest,  
God call'd thee hom,  
When he saw it best.

84. In memory of John Flagg, who dec<sup>d</sup> December the 29<sup>th</sup> 1772, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

This pleasant Child  
In Whom we did Delight,  
Lies here in Dust,  
Now buried from our Sight.

85. Lucy Flagg. Dau. of John & Sarah: d. May 8. 1810: a 2 y. 6 m

Sleep on my babe, and take thy rest,  
God call'd thee home when he saw it best.

86. In memory of Mr. Phinehas Flagg, son of Col. Benjamin & Mrs Abigail Flagg, who departed this life October 1. 1791.  $\text{\textit{A\textit{etatis}}}$  39.

Why do we mourn departed friends  
Or shake at Death's alarms,  
Tis but the voice which Jesus sends,  
To call them to his arms.

Phinehas Flagg was in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men which left Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19,

1775. Was in Capt. Jonas Hubbard's company which served three months at Cambridge and Dorchester in 1775. Was 2d sergeant of Capt. Wm. Gates' company in Col. Jonathan Holman's regiment in the Continental army, 1776.

87. In memory of Phinehas Flagg, son of Mr. John & Mrs. Sarah Flagg, who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 20, 1807. Aged 4 years & 3 months.

My days was few and I but small  
But must obey when Christ doth call.

88. In memory of Samuel Flagg Esq, who died Sept. 24, 1819. Aged 83. Eldest son of Richard & Grace Flagg.

Samuel Flagg, Esq. was a member of the Worcester Fire Society, being admitted April 1, 1793. He lived for a time on what is now the corner of Main and Park streets. The house was burned to the ground on the night of Jan. 26, 1786, there being no fire-engine in the town at that time. He was representative to the General Court, 1790-98, 1805 and 1807; town treasurer, 1803-1808; also a member of the first board of directors of the Worcester Bank.

89. Sacred to the memory of Lieut. Richard Flagg, & Grace his wife. Richard Flagg died at Holden November 12<sup>th</sup> 1799: Aet. 92. Grace Flagg died at Holden December 4 1808. Aet. 100.

This Monument erected by their Sons, Samuel & Benjamin Flagg.

He was ensign of a company of men under Maj. Daniel Heywood that marched Aug. 8, 1748, to the defence of the western frontier threatened with attack by French and Indians.

### Forbush.

90. Ann Forbush, Dau. of James & Mary: d. May 9. 1749: a 9

Elizabeth Forbush, Dau of James & Margaret: d May 21, 1759, a 6.

James Forbush Jr. Died Mar. 11, 1762. a. 38.  
Mary Forbush wife of James. d. Dec. 6, 1748 a 25.

(The above on one stone.)

### Fullerton.

91. Nathaniel Fullerton Died Feb. 16, 1777: a 38.

### Gates.

92. In memory of Mr. John Gates who was born Jan<sup>ry</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1728-9 Died April 2<sup>d</sup> 1763.

93. John Gates son of Simon & Sarah. d. May 20, 1786, a. 22.

Not praises of man but of God,  
Yields comfort on a dying bed.

94. In memory of John Gates, son of Jonathan Gates and Sarah his wife, who died March 3<sup>d</sup>. 1793, aged 13 years & 5 months.

Farewell my friends, dry up your tears,  
You will see me again, when Christ appears.

95. In memory of Mr. Jonathan Gates, who died February 7<sup>t</sup> 1756, in the 73<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Reader—Remember Death

96. Perces Gates, w. of Jonathan. d. July 12. 1776:  
a. 86.

97. Sarah Gates, w. of Simon: d. Sep. 30, 1800.  
a. 75.

Friend, quit this stone & look above the skies  
The dust lies here, but virtue never dies.

98. Here lies interred the Remains of Mr. Simon Gates who departed this life April ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1777. Aged 66 years.

Blessed are they who do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and may enter in through ye gates into ye city.

Simon Gates with his wife Sarah came from Marlborough in 1749.

99. In memory of Mr. Solomon Gates, who was born May 14<sup>th</sup> 1721, Died March 2<sup>d</sup> 1761.

### Glezen.

100. In memory of Mr. Isaac Glezen, who died Jan<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> AD 1776 in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Reader, Far from this World of Toil and Strife,  
They're present with the Lord,  
The Labours of their Mortal Life  
End in a large Reward.

### Goddard.

101. Abigail Goddard. w. of Samuel: d. Apr. 8, 1804: aet. 64.

*She was Abigail King.*

102. Elizabeth Goddard. Dau. of Samuel & Abigail: d. Sep. 20, 1790: a. 20

103. Hannah Goddard, w. of John: d. Dec. 10, 1777: aet 76:

104. John Goddard Died June 26, 1785: aged 87.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, that they may rest from their labours, & their works do follow them.

105. Joseph Goddard. son of John & Hannah: d. Apr. 19, 1758: a 18.

106. Lydia Goddard, Dau. of Samuel & Abigail: d. Aug. 9. 1778: a. 13.

107. Mary Goddard, Dau. of Samuel: d. June 26, 1816: aet. 45.

108. Samuel Goddard, Jr. son of Samuel & Abigail: d. May 3, 1801: a 26.

Reader behold as you pass by,  
As you are living so was I.  
As I am now, so you must be  
Prepare for death and follow me

109. Samuel Goddard Died June 12, 1803: aet. 71.

### Goodwin.

110. Here lies Buried the Body of Capt. James Goodwin, who departed this life June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1776, in ye 62<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Capt. James Goodwin was captain of a company of men under Col. John Chandler, which left Worcester on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry in 1757. In 1760 he was captain of a company of militia numbering forty-eight men.

Selectman, 1759. A signer of the royalist protest of 1774.

111. Here lies Buried the Body of Mrs. Mary Goodwin, wife of Capt. James Goodwin, who died July 4<sup>th</sup> 1749, in the 33 year of her age.

### Goulding.

112. Abigal Goulding. Dau. of Palmer: d. May 21. 1759: aet. 12 m. 29 ds.

113. Abigal Goulding, w. of Palmer, Jr: d. May 26. 1770. a 35.

Death is a debt to nature due,  
Which I have paid and so must you.

Was daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Ward) Heywood.

114. Abigail Goulding, w. of Palmer, sen: d. at Holden. \*\*\*\* 1770 (?) a. 70:

Was Abigail Rice of Concord and daughter of Timothy Rice.

115. Abigail Goulding, Dau. of Palmer Jr. & Rebekah: b. June 11. 1771: d. Sep. 26, 1796.

Like blossom'd trees, o'erturned by vernal storm,  
Lovely in death, the beauteous ruin lay.

116. Cornelius Waldo Goulding. son of Palmer Jr. & Abigail: d. Feb. 10, 1762: a 6 m: 5 da.

117. Ignatius Goulding Died \*\*\*\*\* 1787.

118. James Goulding, son of Ignatius & Elizabeth : b. Dec. 24. 1764: d. Aug. 4. 1791.

The sweet remembrance of the just,  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

119. John Goulding, son of Palmer Jr. & Abigail : d. Apr. 16. 1757: aet. 6 m 25 da.

120. In memory of Capt. Palmer Goulding senior, who died at Holden Febry ye 11<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1770, in ye 75<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He Commanded a Company at ye Reduction of Louisburg June ye 17<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1745.

Representative to the General Court of Massachusetts from the town of Worcester, 1741. Selectman, 1731, 37, 41, 43, 64, 65. Just previous to the first organization of the town, he built the house long occupied by Gouldings, which stood on Front street east of the present Common.

121. Palmer Goulding son of Palmer Jr. & Rebekah : d. Feb. 19, 1790, a 15 y. 8 m.

Job 1. 21st. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away : blessed be the name of the Lord.

122. In memory of Capt. Palmer Goulding, Who after a life of activity, justice & humanity, Died 30<sup>th</sup> January 1792. Aged 69 years.

This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality—St. Paul.

Selectman, 1771. He was a signer of the Royalist Protest of 1774. Disarmed by the Committee of Correspondence in May, 1775, and forbidden to depart the town.

123. Sacred to the memory of Mr. Peter Goulding. Born Dec<sup>m</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1736. Deceased July 14<sup>th</sup> 1790:

Friends and Physicians could not save, my mortal body from the grave,  
Nor can the grave confine me here, when Christ shall call me to appear.

124. Samuel Goulding Son of Palmer d. July 17, 1760. a 1 day.

125. Thomas Goulding Son of Palmer Jr. & Abigail. d. Aug. 26, 1756. a 3.

**Gray.**

126. Bertha & Eliot Gray: Dau. & son of W<sup>m</sup> & Jean Gray: Bertha died \*\*\*: Eliot d. Oct. 27, 1735: aet. 4:

127. Here lies the Body of Jean Gray, wife of Mr. Matthew Gray, who died Decem<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1764: Aet. 48.

128. Mrs. Mary Gray Died \*\* 1761.

129. Here lies interr'd the Remains of Mr. Matthew Gray, who departed this life Feby 16<sup>th</sup> 1783: in the 73<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Death is a debt to nature due, wh'ch I have paid & so must you.

One of the company of Scotch Emigrants, who settled here in 1718.

130. Here lies Buried the Body of Mr Robert Gray, who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1766. Aged 69 years.

One of the company of Scotch Emigrants, who settled here in 1718.

131. Thomas Gray Son of Robert & Sarah: d. Oct. 7. 1756: aet. 7.

**Green.**

132. John Green Son of Dr. John & Mary: b. Apr. 1. 1758: d. Sep. 20. 1761:

133. Dr. John Green Son of Dr. Thomas. Died Oct. 29, 1799. aet. 64:

Came from Leicester and settled on Green Hill. He was a member of the American Political Society, and one of the committee appointed by the town in 1774 to take under consideration the acts of the British Parliament. Representative to the General Court, 1777. Selectman in 1780. As a physician, he possessed peculiar talents and enjoyed an extensive practice.

134. Mary Green Dau. of John & Mary: b. Nov. 27. 1758. d. Feb. 15, 1759.

135. Mary Green 1<sup>st</sup> w. of Dr. John—b. Aug. 31. 1740: d. Sep. 5. 1761. Her natural, but especially Gracious Endowments rendered her desirable in Life and comfortable in death.

Was Mary Osgood.

136. Mary Green w. of Dr. John Died June 16. 1814: a 74

\* Second wife of Dr. John Green, 1<sup>st</sup>, was Mary Ruggles, daughter of Gen. Timothy Ruggles of Hardwick.

### **Greenleaf.**

137. John Greenleaf of Boston d. Feb. 21. 1779. a 64.

Death is a debt to nature due  
Which I have paid and so must you.

### **Grout.**

138. In memory of Mrs Priscilla Grout who Dec<sup>d</sup> December the 20<sup>th</sup> 1773, in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

This is erected by Jason Duncan in memory of his True Love.

### **Hambleton.**

139. In Memory of Margrat, once the wife of James Hambleton. She died Febr<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1761, in the 35<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Also by her side is buried, of theirs, three sons and one Daughter.

The name as now written is probably Hamilton. This family was of Scotch origin.

### **Harrington.**

140. In Memory of Mrs Azubah Harrington ye wife of Mr. Elijah Harrington. She dec<sup>d</sup> April ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1768, in ye 34<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

141. In memory of Mrs Deborah Harrington  
wife of Francis Harrington – Died April 20<sup>th</sup> 1799.  
Aged 84 years

This shall be known when we are dead,  
And left on long record,  
That ages yet unborn may read,  
And trust and praise the Lord.

142. Erected in memory of Mr. Elijah Harring-  
ton who died February 3. 1811. Aet. 77.

143. Here lyes the body of Mr. Francis Harring-  
ton Junior, who Dec'd April 6<sup>th</sup> 1768, in the 31<sup>st</sup> year  
of his age.

144. In Memory of Mr. Francis Harrington, who  
died July 18<sup>th</sup> 1793 Aged 84 years.

In thee shall Israel trust,  
Which see their guilt forgiven,  
God will pronounce the sinners just,  
And take the Saints to Heavn.

Was son of Robert Harrington of Watertown and removed from  
there to Grafton and from thence to Worcester about 1740. His  
homestead was near what is now corner of Bloomingdale road and  
Plantation street.

145. Here lyes the body of Mrs Prudence Har-  
rington, the wife of Mr. Francis Harrington, who  
departed this life August \*\* 1751, in the 38<sup>th</sup> year  
of her age.

Was Prudence Stearns of Watertown.

### Harris.

Memento mori.

146. Erected in memory of Mrs Mary Harris.  
wife of Mr. William Harris who deceased March  
10<sup>th</sup> 1767 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of her age

In the cold mansions of the silent tomb  
How still the solitude! how deep the gloom!  
Here sleeps the dust unconscious, close, confin'd,  
But far, far distant dwells the immortal mind.

*Memento mori.*

147. Erected in memory of Mr Noah Harris who died August 30. 1804 aged 70

Reader bhold as you pass by  
 As you are now, so once was I,  
 As I am now, so you must be,  
 Prepare for Death and follow me.

Disarmed by order of the Committee of Correspondence in 1775,  
 and forbidden to depart the town, on account of sympathy for the  
 royal cause.

148. In memory of Mrs Pheba Harris wife of  
 Mr. Noah Harris, who died March 6<sup>th</sup> 1800 in the  
 67<sup>th</sup> year of her age

*Memento mori.*

149. Erected in memory of Mr. William Harris,  
 who deceased March 29<sup>th</sup> 1782, in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year of  
 his age

Our age to seventy years is set,  
 How short the term! how frail the State!  
 But if a longer time we live,  
 In pain and trouble we survive.

**Hayward.**

150. James Hayward Son of James & Molly:  
 Died Oct. 23. 1794: a 7.

Gay youth, come view my silent dust,  
 As here I'm laid, so soon you must.

**Heywood.**

151. In memory of Mr. Abel Heywood. He died  
 Nov<sup>r</sup> the 29<sup>th</sup> 1769. in the 40<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

152. In memory of Daniel Heywood Jun<sup>r</sup>, who  
 died June y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1756, in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

153. Here lies inter'd the body of Major Daniel  
 Heywood, who departed this life April 12<sup>th</sup> 1773 in  
 y<sup>e</sup> 79<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He was an early settler in  
 this town and one of the first Deacons of the church

in this Place, in which office he continued to the day of his Death. This monument is erected at the desire and Expence of his Grandson & Heir, Daniel Heywood.

Psalm 90: 10: His epitaph.

Was son of Deacon John Heywood of Concord, and came to Worcester in 1718. Married for his first wife Hannah Ward, daughter of Obadiah Ward. Was chosen captain of the first military company formed in the town, and town treasurer in 1722. Held the office of selectman twenty years, between 1724 and 1753, and was Town Clerk in 1753. Was major of a company in his majesty's service that marched to the defence of the western frontier, August 8th 1748.

154. In memory of Mrs Hannah Heywood, wife of Major Daniel Heywood, who died Feby ye 24<sup>th</sup> 1760. in ye 64<sup>th</sup> year of her age

155. In memory of Mrs Mary Heywood wife of Major Daniel Heywood, who died April ye 9<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1768, in ye 65<sup>th</sup> year of her age

156. Nancy Heywood Dau. of Daniel: Died Apr. 28. 1762. aet. \*\*\*

### Holbrook.

157. In memory of Mr. Amos Holbrook who dec'd March ye 25<sup>th</sup> 1777, in ye 44<sup>th</sup> year of his age

158. In memory of Mrs Lydia Holbrook wife of Mr Abel Holbrook. She dec'd January ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1773, in ye 37 year of her age

159. Here lyes the body of Mrs Martha Holbrook who died Sept<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1791 Aged 23 yrs

Corruption, Earth & worms  
Will but refine the flesh,  
Until my spirit comes again  
And puts it on afresh.

**How.**

160. Elizabeth How w. of Ezekiel How: Born Oct. 25. 1718 Died Sept. 13. 1776.

Sweet soul we leave thee to thy Rest,  
Enjoy thy Jesus and thy God,  
Till we climb up the shining Road.

161. Here lies ye Body of Mr. James How. Died March 18<sup>th</sup> 1755, in ye 44 year of his age

162. Joel How Son of Joel & Mary - Born Jan. 2 1782; Died Dec. 16. 1782.

Happy the Babb  
from sin & grief remov'd,  
To rest above  
Where God is truely lov'd.

**Hubbard.**

163. Here lyes interr'd the Remains of Coronet Daniel Hubbard, who departed this life April 28<sup>th</sup> 1784, in the 90<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

The Grave is the house appointed for all living .

164. In memory of Mrs. Dorothy Hubbard, wife of Mr. Daniel Hubbard, who died April 4<sup>th</sup> 1769, aged 71 years.

165. Here lyes ye Body of Mrs Hannah Hubbard, wife of Mr John Hubbard, who died April ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1727, in ye 27 year of her age.

This is the earliest inscribed death on the Gravestones in this Burying Ground.

**Hunt.**

166. In memory of Samuel Hunt Jun<sup>r</sup> who died April ye 29<sup>th</sup> 1766, in ye 23 year of his age.

Likewise Samuel ye 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Capt. Samuel & Mrs. Hannah Hunt. Died Dec<sup>m</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1766, aged 7 months.

**Jenison.**

167. In Memory of Miss Abigail Jenison Born July 30<sup>th</sup> 1744 & died June 29<sup>th</sup> 1798

No longer has all healing art avails,  
But ev'ng remedy its master fails,  
But when faith presents ye Saviour's death  
And whispers this is thine,  
Sweetly my rising hours advance  
And peacefully decline.

168. In memory of Mrs Elizabeth Jenison Relict of the late William Jenison Esqr, who departed this life Decemr 2<sup>d</sup> 1756, in y<sup>e</sup> 86<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Was sister of Palmer Goulding Sen.

169. In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Jenison wife of Mr William Jenison, who died Nov<sup>r</sup> the 21<sup>st</sup> 1784, in the 21<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

Mortals be dumb, what creature dares  
Dispute his awful will;  
Ask no account of his affairs  
But tremble and be still.

170. In memory of Miss Faith Jenison, Daught of Capt Israel Jenison & Mrs Mary, his wife, who died Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1782 in the 32<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

171. In memory of Capt Israel Jenison who died Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1782, in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Son of Peter Jenison of Sudbury and nephew of Judge William Jenison. Selectman, 1756, 57, 58, 61. A Tory Protester of 1774.

172. In memory of John Jenison son of Capt. Israel Jenison. He dec'd Jany y<sup>e</sup> 15 1755, in y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

173. In memory of Mrs Mary Jenison the wife of Capt. Israel Jenison who deceased June y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1775, in y<sup>e</sup> 57<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Israel Jenison and Mary his wife lived together 36 years, 8 months and 9 days in peace & love.

When this you see remember me.

174. In memory of Mr. Samuel Jenison who dec'd Nov. 18. 1815 Aet 70.

The memory of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

175. Here lies Buried ye Body of William Jenison Esqr. He was born at Watertown April ye 17<sup>th</sup> 1676, who dec'd Sep<sup>im</sup> ye 19<sup>th</sup> 1741. in ye 66<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

He was one of ye Judges of ye Inferior Court for ye County of Worcester.

(This inscription may be seen on the original gravestone which now stands in the rear part of the Jennison lot in Rural Cemetery.)

Was selectman ten years between 1727 and 1741. Representative to the General Court, 1731-2. He gave the land upon which the first Court House was ordered to be built in 1732.

### *Johnson.*

176. Here lyes the body of Isaac, Son of Capt Micah Johnson & Phebe his wife, who died Nov<sup>mr</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1782, Aged 25 years.

### *Jones.*

177. Here lyes interr'd the Remains of Leut Noah Jones, who departed this life July 6<sup>th</sup> 1781. aetatis 70.

Beneath this stone's intr'd the bons  
Ah frail Remains of Leut Noah Jones.

Married Rebekah Heywood, daughter of Daniel Heywood and Hannah (Ward) Heywood. He was first keeper of the Jones tavern beyond New Worcester from 1760 to 1781. He was lieutenant in a detachment of men from Col. John Chandler's regiment, which marched from Worcester on the alarm for the relief of Fort William Henry, 1757.

178. In Memory of Mrs Rebekah Jones the wife of Lieut Noah Jones. She died Jan<sup>y</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1771, in the 46<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Blesed are the dead which die in the Lord Revon xiv. 13.

Memento mori.

179 Under this covring sleeps  
the mouldring Bons,  
Ah - tis the frail Remains  
of Capt<sup>n</sup> William Jones  
On April 6<sup>th</sup> 1777  
Death him Remov'd  
from toils of Earth  
to joys of Heaven.  
Æt 51

Generally known as Tory Jones. Kept a tavern on what is now Main street, nearly opposite Chatham street. His house was a favorite resort for the tories of Worcester in the early days of the Revolution. Capt. Jones entertained Captain Brown and Ensign De Bernicre of his majesty's troops, ordered here by Gen. Gage in the spring of 1775. Gen. Gage at that time contemplated erecting a fortress on Chandler Hill.

He married Sarah Curtis, daughter of Capt. John Curtis.

### Kingsbury.

180. Moses Kingsbury only son of Joseph and Margaret. Died Aug. 20. 1794. a 20.

### Kinsley.

181. In memory of Mr. Sam'l Kinsley who died on his journey from Deerfield to his famely at Bridgewater, Septr 25<sup>th</sup> 1773, in the 57<sup>th</sup> year of his age

Belov'd at home belov'd abroad  
Death sudden met him on the Road,  
Usefull in life & calm in death  
At Heaven's call resigned his breath.

**Knight.**

182. In memory of John Knight son of Mr. John Knight & Mrs Experience his wife, died Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1756, in ye 11<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

183. John Heath Knight son of Edward and Elizabeth: Died Dec. 15. 1791: a 11 m. 15 days.

Here I ley and rest my Head,  
Till Christ appear, and raise the Dead.

**Knox.**

184. Here lyes the Body of Mr. Adam Knox, who departed ye life Febry 28. 1759. Aged 66 years

**Lovel.**

185. Abigail Lovel 1<sup>st</sup> w. of Ebenezer Died Apr. 11. 1766, a. 24 y. 8 m. 5 days.

186. Col. Ebenezer Lovel Died Dec. 6. 1817. aged 88 years.

An officer in the Revolutionary war. Was ensign in the company of Capt. Benj. Fiagg, which left Worcester on the alarm at Lexington in 1775. Was one of the "Committee of Inspection" chosen in 1774 to examine from time to time the merchants and traders of the town, and see that no imported goods were offered for sale in violation of the "solemn league and covenant." Selectman, 1778, 79, 84. Representative to the General Court, 1777. One of the original members of the American Political Society.

187. In memory of Mary, daughter of Mr. Jonathan & Marcey Lovel, who died Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> 1787, in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

188. In memory of Unis, daughter of Mr. Jonathan & Marcy Lovel who died March 2<sup>d</sup> 1778, Aged 22 mo<sup>ths</sup>

**Lynds.**

189. Here lyes buried ye body of Easter Lynds Dau<sup>t</sup> of Mr. Jonathan Lynds & Elizabeth his wife, who died Feby 3<sup>d</sup> 1756, Aged 6 years 9 mo. & 1 day.

190. Here lyes buryed the body of Mr. Jonathan Lynds, who departed this life Decr 4<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1755. Aged 41 years & 8 mo.

Buried here 7 of his children.

### Maccarty.

191. In memory of Miss Elizabeth Maccarty who died March 25<sup>th</sup> 1823 Aged 70.

Daughter and seventh child of Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

192. In memory of Mrs. Experience Maccarty, consort of Doct Thaddeus Maccarty, who died at Worcester January 24<sup>th</sup> 1789 Aged 32 years.

Daughter of Thomas Cowden, Esq., of Fitchburg. Married Jan. 1775.

193. In memory of Miss Lucy Maccarty who died June 21. 1813 Aged 53.

Daughter and thirteenth child of Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty.

#### Remember Death.

194. Erected in memory of Mrs Mary Maccarty, (the amiable & pious consort of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Thaddeus Maccarty,) who departed this life December 28<sup>th</sup> 1783, Aetat 58.

Was Mary Gatcomb, daughter of Francis Gatcomb, an emigrant from Wales and a wealthy merchant in Boston. She was married to Mr. Maccarty, Sept. 3d, 1743.

195. In memory of Mrs. Mary Maccarty wife of Mr. Nathaniel Maccarty, who died January 13<sup>th</sup> 1821, in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

196. Samuel Maccarty son of Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty Died July 21. 1755. a 4 mos lacking 2 days.

My glass is run— The law was given by Moses, but Grace & truth came by Jesus Christ  
Memento mori.

197. Beneath This stone are deposited The remains of THE REV'D THADDEUS MACCARTY, For 37 years Pastor of the Church in Worcester. Thro the course of his ministry he uniformly exhibited an example Of the peaceable and amiable virtues Of Christianity. Under a slow & painful decline he discover'd an ardent love to his Master by a chearful attention to his service, & at the approach of death he patiently submitted, in the full hope of a glorious Resurrection from the Grave.

In testimony of his fidelity the people of his charge erect this monument.

Obiit July 20. 1784 Etatis 63.

The Reverend Thaddeus Maccarty was born in Boston, in 1721. In his youth, he followed the sea ; but after making several voyages, failing health compelled him to relinquish this pursuit for a more quiet life. Entering Harvard College, he was graduated in 1739, and for the next three years devoted his attention to the study of theology. From 1742 to 1745, he was settled over the church in Kingston, Mass. June 10, 1747, he was installed pastor of the First Church in this place, where he remained until his death, his pastorate comprising thirty-seven years and extending over the stormy period of the Revolution. “Living in ‘troubulous times’ he had his full share of trials ; but under them all he honored the ministry, and his ministry honored him. In seasons of peril, he was calm and steadfast ; and though darkness was above and around him, he was looking ‘with the patience of hope’ for light.”\* In personal appearance he is described as being “a man tall of stature, slender of habit, with a black penetrating eye.” As a public preacher, “he was solemn, loud, searching and rousing.”† He was the father of fifteen children, eight of whom died in infancy. His residence in Worcester was on the south side of the common, now Park street, near Portland.

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\* Smalley. † MSS of Rev. Z. Willis, who succeeded him in Kingston.

198. Thomas Maccarty son of Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty. Died Dec. 5. 1755. aged 1 day.

### Mackay.

199. Here lies Buried ye Body of John Mackay, son of Capt W<sup>m</sup>. & Frances Mackay, who departed this life Feb. ye 1. 1776, Aged 5 years & 10 months.

### Mahan.

200. In memory of Mr. John Mahan who died July 31<sup>st</sup> 1774, in the 51 year of his age.

Reader—Remember Death.

201. John Mahan Died Oct. \*\*\* 1789—a. 32.

Memento mori.

202. Here lyes buried the Body of Mrs. Margrat Mahan, wife of Mr. William Mahan who was born Feby 20. 1699: died Feby 5<sup>th</sup> 1767.

203. Here lyes the Body of Mr. William Mahan, who died June 30<sup>th</sup> 1763 in the 69<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

### McCraken.

204. In memory of David son of Mr. Samuel McCraken, & Mrs. Lettice his wife, He died March 5<sup>th</sup> 1767 Aged 2 years & 4 months.

### McFarland.

205. Here lyes the body of Andrew McFarland who died June 4<sup>th</sup> 1761 Aged 71 years.

Reader—Keep death & Judgment allways in your eye,  
non's fitt to live, but who is fitt to die.

Was a son of Daniel McFarland, the emigrant, who came to this country from Ulster in Ireland in 1718.

206. James McFarland son of William & Elizabeth : Died Jan. 15. 1749: a 3 yrs—3 mos.

207. James McFarland Died April 9. 1783: a 56.

Reader—Remember Death.

208. Here lyes the body of Margret McFarland, who was born March 21<sup>st</sup> 1754. Died Aug. 21. 1756.

209. Rebecca McFarland Dau. of W<sup>m</sup> & Elizabeth. Died Jany 19. 1749. a 1 y. 5 m: 10 days

210. Here lyes the body of Rebecca wife of Andrew McFarland, who died March 20<sup>th</sup> 1762. Aged 62 years.

### **Miller.**

211. In memory of Mr. Samuel Miller who was born in Newtown Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 1678. Departed this life Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 1759. Aged 81 years.

### **Molton.**

212. In memory of Mr. Ebenezer Molton who died July 20<sup>th</sup> 1765, in the 28<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

### **Moore.**

213. In memory of Mr Asa Moore who died June 30<sup>th</sup>. 1800. Aged 80.

Selectman from 1757 to 1762.

214. Here lyes the body of Mrs Comfort Moore wife of Capt<sup>t</sup> James Moore who died June 22<sup>th</sup>, 1765, in the 63 year of her age.

215. Capt. David Moore Died Feb. 25. 1794: a 64.

216. Elnor Moore w.<sub>o</sub>f Capt. David: Died Oct. 1. 1791: a 63.

217. In memory of Capt<sup>t</sup> James Moore died Sep<sup>t</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1756 Aged 63 years.

Selectman, 1732, 36, 39, 41.

218. Here lyes Bur'd the Body of Mrs Katrine Moore wife to Mr Joseph Moore. Departed this life March 19<sup>th</sup> 1755 & in ye 41 year of her age.

219. In memory of Mrs Lucy Moore wife of Mr Asa Moore who died March 11 1800 Aged 76 years.

220. Erected in memory of Mrs Mehitable Moore Consort of Mr. Nathaniel Moore who died April 25 1809 Anno AEt. 89.

221. In memory of Deacon Nathaniel Moore, who died Nov<sup>mr</sup> 25: A. D. 1761 Actat 84 years:

Reader. Remember Death.

Came from Sudbury. Was the third settler of the town of Worcester, arriving here in 1715 or 1716. He was deacon of the first church from its foundation, and remained in that office until his death. Was selectman of the town for eleven years between 1722 and 1740. Town treasurer, 1725 and 1731. He married Grace Rice, sister of Jonas Rice, the first permanent settler. She died in 1768, aged 94 years.

222. Erected in memory of Mr. Nathaniel Moore, who died July 19<sup>th</sup> 1811 Anno: Act. 96.

Selectman of the town, 1754.

“He was a man of exemplary piety and benevolence. He resided in Worcester more than ninety-five years, being a member of the third family that began the settlement of the town. He lived in the marriage state with the same wife nearly sixty-nine years, but left no descendants.”—*Massachusetts Spy*.

223. Erected in Memory of Mrs Rebekah Moore wife of James Moore who died July 19th 1788: in the 39<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Here I lye and rest my head,  
Till Christ appear and raise the dead.

224. In memory of Mrs. Sarah Moore, Daughter of Deacon Daniel Heywood & Hannah his wife,

& wife of Mr. Asa Moore, who was born February 1<sup>th</sup> 1722, & died Dec<sup>mr</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1760.

225. Sarah Moore Dau. of Capt. James, & Comfort Died June 3, 1765: a 28.

226. Sibbel Moore Dau. of John & Easter: Died July 4, 1788: a 22.

### Mower.

227. Here lyes buri'd ye Body of Mrs Comfort Mower, wife of Capt Samuel Mower and daut of Col. Ebenezer Learned, & Deborah his wife, who departed this life May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1765 Aged 34 years & 10 months.

228. Erected in memory of Mrs. Hannah Mower wife of Mr. alis Leut John Mower who died Sept<sup>m</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1784. Aetatis 59

Farwel my frends  
And ceas to mourn  
You will see me again  
At Christ's return.

229. Here lyes the body of Marey daut. of Mr. Samuel Mower & Nancy his wife who died March 29<sup>th</sup> 1786 in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

230. Here lyes interr'd the Body of Mr Samuel Mower who dec<sup>d</sup> May 8<sup>th</sup> 1760, Aged 70 years, 7 months & 12 days.

Came from England about 1710, and settled in Malden.

#### Memento mori.

231. Erected in memory of Capt. Samuel Mower who departed this life Janry 24<sup>th</sup> 1784 in the 64<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Return my friends, Dry up your tears,  
You will see me again, When Christ appears.

Capt. Samuel Mower, Jr. married Comfort Learned of Oxford, daughter of Gen. Ebenezer Learned of revolutionary fame. He was a selectman of the town in 1765. A Royalist Protester of 1774. In May, 1775, he with others was given opportunity, by the local Committee of Correspondence, to join the American troops, or find another in his stead, or be considered unworthy the confidence of his fellow countrymen.

232. Here lyes intered the Remains of Mrs Sarah Mower, wife of Capt. Samuel Mower who died Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1774, in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

### Mowrey.

233. Feretrina Mowrey Died \*\*\*\* 1787.

234. Whipple Mowrey son of Augustus & Chloe: Died Oct. 8. 1788. a 10 m.

### Muncreef.

235. Here lies buried the Body of Mrs. Eliz<sup>th</sup> Muncreef, late of Boston. Died May 3<sup>d</sup> 1776, Aged 44 years.

### Nazro.

236. Nathaniel Nazro Son John & Mary: Died Oct. 23. 1781: a 21 mos.

### Newton.

237. Clark Newton Son of Thaddeus & Janet Newton. Born April 16 1765, Died June 8. 1767.

### Nickols.

238. Sacred to the memory of Dr. Thomas Nickols, who died Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1794, in the 83<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Friends & Physicians could not save  
My mortal body from the grave,  
Nor can the grave confine me here  
When Christ shall call me to appear.

Originally from Danvers, but came from Sutton to Worcester in 1765.

**Osland.**

239. Jonathan Osland Died Feby 12. 1767: aged 61

**Paine.**

240. Nathaniel Paine Son of Timothy and Sarah Paine Died Dec. 25. 1757, a. 8 mos.

241. In memory of Capt Samuel Clarke Paine who departed this life with ye Small Pox Nov<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1759, in ye 32<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

He was Commander of a Company at ye Reduction of Ticonderoga and Crown Point.

**Perry.**

242. In memory of Mr Josiah Perry who departed this life Septem<sup>r</sup> ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1767, in ye 83d year of his age.

Came from Watertown. He married Berthia Cutler of that place, Jan. 12, 1708.

243. In memory of Nathan Perry Jun<sup>r</sup> son of Lieut Nathan Perry & Mrs Hannah his wife, who decd Jany ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1770, in ye 19<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

**Potter.**

244. In memory of Mrs Zebuda Potter wife of Mr. Joseph Potter who died Jan<sup>y</sup> 24. 1767, Aged 33 years, 5 m. 23 d.

**Pratt.**

245. Here lies buried the Body of Hannah Daughter of Mr Richard & Mrs. Elizabeth Pratt, who departed this life Feby 17<sup>th</sup> 1776, in ye 6<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

## Recr.

246. In memory of Mr. Absalom Rice who de<sup>cd</sup>  
July ye 27<sup>th</sup> 1781. in ye 72<sup>nd</sup> year of his age.

He Liv'd 69 Years in This town.

Was son of Jonas Rice, the first permanent settler; lived on the old homestead of his father.

247. Adonijah Rice, son of Ezra and Silence R.; d. Oct. 14, 1753; a. 21.

248. In memory of Mrs Elizabeth Rice, relict of Mr. Absalom Rice, who died Augt 31. 1792, in the 76 yr of her age.

Deth Comfortably Ends  
A well-spent, useful Life.

Wife of Absalom Rice; was Elizabeth Flagg, daughter of the second Benj. Flagg of Worcester.

249. Here lies the Body of Mrs Esther Rice, wife of Lieut<sup>t</sup> Gershom Rice who died August ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1770, in ye 73 year of her age.

250. In memory of Mrs Eunice Rice, relict of Mr. Jonathan Rice, who died March 5<sup>th</sup> 1819, aged 79.

251. Here lies Buried ye Body of Gershom Rice, who died Dec<sup>m</sup> ye 19<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1768, in ye 102<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Gershom Rice was son of Thomas, who was the third son of the emigrant Edmund Rice, who came from England and settled in Sudbury in 1639, and afterward removed to Marlboro', where he died May 3, 1663. Gershom Rice was the second settler of Worcester coming here in 1715. Selectman, 1724, 27, 31, 33, 36, 46. Town treasurer, 1736-39. It was at his house that religious services were first held in the town. It was through the personal effort of Mr. Rice in a letter to the Governor of the Province that a guard of nineteen men was stationed here in 1724 for the defence of the settlers.

252. In Memory of Lieut Gershom Rice. He departed this life Sept. ye 24. 1781 in ye 85 year of his age.

253. In memory of Jonas Rice Esq, who died Sept<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1753, in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of his age.

He was the first settler in Worcester, & one of the Judges of the Inferior Court for Worcester.

The first permanent settler of Worcester. Came from Marlboro' and settled here in 1713.

Selectman, 1722, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 38, 40. Town Clerk, 1722-3, 1724-29, 1731-53.

Deacon of the first church from 1748 to 1753.

School teacher as will be seen by the following vote: 1726 April 4; voted "that ye selectmen forthwith take care & provid a sufficient schoole for ye Education of Youth in sd Town of Worcester."

Selectmen agree "with Mr Jonas Rice to be ye schoole master for sd Town of Worcester and to teach such children and Youth as any of ye Inhabitants Shall Send to him to read & to write as ye Law Directs—to keep such schoole untill ye fifteenth Day of December next Ensuing ye date hearof: Sd schoole to (be) Suported at the Towns Charge."

He was judge of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Inferior Court of Common Pleas.

Memento mori.

254. Sacred to the Memory of Mr. Jonathan Rice, who died June ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1791 in the 56<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Selectman, 1780. A member of the Committee of Correspondence, 1778-9. A member of the American Political Society. Was one of a committee appointed by the court to offer the agreement or covenant for the non-consumption of British goods to the people for signature. He was voted by the town £2. 12s. 10d. for his trouble and expense in secretly conveying, with the assistance of others, four cannon purchased by the town, out of Boston in 1772. He was a deputy sheriff, and went on the night of the second of February,

1787, with twenty horsemen and 150 infantry, to capture or disperse a body of Shay's insurgents who had assembled at New Braintree. The rebels were found posted behind a stone wall, and in the charge upon them, Sheriff Rice was shot through the arm and hand.

255. In memory of a son & 4 Daughters of Mr Jonathan & Eunice Rice .. Jonathan Decd Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1775 aged 11 years & 8 m. Eunice Decd May 12 1770, aged 4 years & 4 m. Eunice Decd May 16 1765, aged 3 years & 5 m. Betty Decd Sept 11 1772 aged 2 years & 4 m. Azubah Decd May 23. 1770, aged 2 years & 1 m.

256. Erected in memory of Mr. Jonathan Rice, who died April 13<sup>th</sup> 1800, Act. 22.

257. In memory of Perces, once wife of Adonijah Rice, who was \*\*\* Aug<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1719, Died June 6<sup>th</sup> 1760.

Wife of Adonijah Rice ; was Perces Gates.

258. Samuel Rice Died Feb. 10. 1781. act. 89.

Was one of the nineteen men stationed by order of the Governor of the Province, at Worcester, from July, 1724, to October of the same year, for the protection of the inhabitants against attack from the Indians. According to Col. Chandler, commander of the forces at that time, the presence of these soldiers saved Worcester from destruction.

259. Here lyes the Body of Mr. Zephaniah Rice. Decd May ye 10 1730, in ye 30<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Was selectman and town clerk, 1729,

### Ridgway.

260. Betsy Cornelia S. Ridgway Dau. of John and Betsy, of Boston : Died Mch 5. 1812: a 3 y. & 5 m.

Not Lost, but gone before.

Weep not my friends your darling child has fled  
Beyond the mansions of the sleeping dead,  
And rose to realms of ever-cloudless day,  
Where life, and bliss, and peace holds boundless sway.

**Roper.**

261. Here lies Bur'd y<sup>e</sup> Body of Ephraim Roper, who departed this life February y<sup>e</sup> 16 A. D. 1730, in y<sup>e</sup> 43<sup>d</sup> year of his age.

Was one of two scouts who in 1722 under the command of Sergeant Benjamin Flagg, "kept garrison in the town of Worcester, or ranged the woods" for the protection of the settlement. Was also one of the nineteen men who served as guard in 1724.

**Smith.**

262. Frances Smith Died April 17. 1756: a. 36.

263. In memory of John, son Mr. John & Sarah Smith who died Dec<sup>mr</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1759, aged 6 m<sup>on</sup>.

264. Erected in Memory of Mr. Robert Smith who died July 4<sup>th</sup>. 1807: Act. 80.

Stop here my friend, as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I,  
As I am now so you must be,  
Prepare for death & follow me.

Was ensign in the French war, also member of a company of men, that marched to Hadley on the alarm at Bennington, under command of Lieut.-Col. Benjamin Flagg, in August, 1777. Selectman, 1778-9.

265. In memory of Mrs Sarah Smith the wife of Mr Robert Smith. She departed this life February 21<sup>st</sup> 1766, Aged about 33 years.

**Sprague.**

266. Here lyes the Body of Loring Sprague son of Mr. Joseph Sprague and Mary his wife who died by a fall from a horse, Oct<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1784. in the 13<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

**Starnes.**

267. Here lies Buried y<sup>e</sup> Body of Abigail Starnes daugh<sup>tr</sup> of Mr Thomas & Mrs. Mary Starnes, Aged 8 years 11 m, who dec<sup>d</sup> April 11<sup>th</sup> 1746.

**Sterne.**

268. In memory of Mrs Mary Sterne, wife of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Sterne, Deceased July 19<sup>th</sup> 1784. Aged 77.

Beneath this stone death's prisoner lies,  
The stone shall move, the prisoner rise,  
When Jesus with Almighty word,  
Calls his dead saints to meet their Lord.

Daughter of Judge William Jenison.

269. In memory of Cap<sup>t</sup>. Thomas Sterne, he died Jan<sup>ry</sup> the 16<sup>th</sup> 1772, in the 76 year of his age.

The grave is my house. I have made my bed in the darkness. I have said to Corruption Thou art my farther, to the worm thou art my mother and my sister. Job xvii: 13, 14 vers.

Son of John Sterne who came to Worcester from Watertown. Was chosen in 1728 to "sweep the meeting house and dig the graves," being the first person chosen in this town to the office of sexton. Selectman, 1743.

**Stephens.**

270. In memory of Thomas Starne Stephens, son of Capt. Simon Stephens & Mrs. Martha his wife, who decd June ye 1<sup>st</sup> A. D. 1770. Aged 7 years & 10 months.

**Stevens.**

271. In memory of Mrs. Damaris Stevens wife of Lieut Cyprian Stevens, who died Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1787, in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

272. Mrs. Martha Stevens wife of Cap<sup>t</sup> Simon Stevens died August 10<sup>th</sup> 1817, Aged 79 years.

Let the green turf press gently o'er her dust,  
There rest in hope till Christ shall bid it rise,  
At the great resurrection of the just,  
To meet the Saviour from the opening skies.

**Stone.**

273. Mary Stone Wife of Jonathan Stone Died August 7. 1773. a. 47 After a long Sickness, which She bore with Great Submition.

Jonathan Stone was selectman, 1760, 67, 68, 72, 75, 76, 77. One of the Committee of Correspondence, 1774-75. A member of the American Political Society. Was also a member of many important revolutionary committees.

274. Mrs. Ruth Stone Died \*\*\* 1764.

### Stowell.

275. In memory of Mr. Abel Stowell, who died August 3<sup>d</sup> 1818, Aged 66.

Mark well this rising mound of earth,  
Approach, and then will cease thy mirth,  
'Tis here where sleeps a Parent dead,  
'Tis here where rests the aged head.

Clockmaker. Resided near what is now the corner of Park and Salem streets. He made the clock now in the Old South Church tower, in the year 1800.

276. In memory of Cornelius, son of Mr. Cornelius and Mrs. Zurvilla Stowell, was born Dec<sup>mr</sup> ye 26<sup>th</sup> 1766, and died April ye 24<sup>th</sup> 1776.

277. Cornelius Stowell Died Jan. 3, 1804: a. 78.

A signer of the royalist protest of 1774. In 1775 was given opportunity by the Committee of Correspondence to join the American troops, or find another in his stead, or be deemed a public enemy; also disarmed and forbidden to depart the town. Was a manufacturer of woolen cloths, (see note under No. 279.)

278. Israel Jenison Stowell Son of Peter & Betsy: Died Aug. 12. 1796: a 5

279. Peter Stowell Died July 16. 1810: a 48.

Peter Stowell was a son of Cornelius Stowell who came here soon after the organization of the town, and married a daughter of Palmer Goulding, senior. Cornelius Stowell about 1790 took his sons, Peter and Ebenezer, into partnership with him, and began the business of manufacturing woolen cloths. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1793, the shop was burned. In 1804, the sons, Peter and Ebenezer, commenced the weaving of carpets, plaids, &c, and at one time had six looms of their own in-

vention and construction in operation. They made the first carpets used in the State House in Boston. Peter married Betsey Jenison, daughter of Capt. Israel Jenison.

280. In memory of Mrs. Relief Stowell who died April 14<sup>th</sup> 1817, aged 62.

Still still on thee shall fond remembrance dwell,  
And to the world thy worth delight to tell  
With surer aim, on faith's strong pinions rise  
And seek a heavenly refuge in the skies.

Wife of Abel Stowell; was Relief Jenison, daughter of Capt. Israel Jenison.

281. In memory of Mr. Samuel Stowell, first born child of Mr. Cornelius Stowell. He dec'd April ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1774, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

282. Zerviler Stowell wife of Cornelius Stowell : Died June 7. 1812 : a 82

Was Zurvilla Goulding, daughter of the first Capt. Palmer Goulding.

### Swan.

Memento mori.

283. In memory of Mr. William Swan who departed this life April the 18<sup>th</sup> 1774, in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

A leading singer in the first choir of the Old South Church in 1770.

### Sturtevant.

284. Mrs. Sarah Sturtevant wife of Samuel Sturtevant. Died December 10<sup>th</sup> 1804, Aged 31 years.

### Tanner.

285. In memory of Mr. James Tanner who dec'd Sept'r ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1778, in ye 36 year of his age.

Memento mori.

286. In memory of Mr. James Tanner, formerly of Newport on Rhode Island, Mercht, late of Wor-

cester, who departed this life April 8<sup>th</sup> 1782, Aetatis 68.

And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, write — Blefsed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea sayth the spirit, yt they may rest from their labour, and their works do follow them.

287. Sacred to the memory of Capt. John Tanner of Newport on Rhode Island, who departed this life January 16<sup>th</sup> 1784: Aged 44 years.

How good, how valued once, avails thee not,  
To whom related or by whom begot,  
A heap of dust alone remains of thee,  
'Tis all thou art and all the proud shall be.

288. In memory of Mrs. Sarah Tanner, Relict of Mr James Tanner, late of Worcester, who died Septr. 19<sup>th</sup> 1785, Aged 73 years.

### Taylor.

289. Abraham Taylor Died \*\*\* 1738: aged 29 yrs.

290. In memory of Mrs. Dinah Taylor, y<sup>e</sup> wife of Othniel Taylor, who died March y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1746, in ye 38 year of her age.

Isaac their son born Nov<sup>mr</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1745, & died March y<sup>e</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1746, lying on the right side.

291. Elizabeth Taylor w. of James: Died July 14. 1755: a 82

292. Hannah Taylor Dau. of W<sup>m</sup> & Lois: Died June 13. 1759: a 1 y. 4 m.

293. In memory of Mrs. Hannah Taylor, the wife of Mr. Othniel Taylor, She decd Janury the 3<sup>d</sup> 1772, in the 52<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

294. James Taylor Son of James & Elizabeth: Died June 30. 1730: a 22.

295. Here lies the Body of Mr. James Taylor of Worcester, Deceased Fabwary 24. 1742, & in the 70 year of his age

296. In memory of Mr. James Taylor ye 3<sup>rd</sup> who died Feby ye 26<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1756, in ye 26<sup>th</sup> year of his age— Who was in the fight at Lake George, Sept. ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1755.

297. In memory of John, son of Mr. John and Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, who was born Nov<sup>mr</sup> ye 3<sup>d</sup> 1775, & died Aug<sup>st</sup> ye 21<sup>st</sup> 1776.

298. Miss Lois Taylor Died July 6. 1802. a 22.

299. In memory of Mr. Othniel Taylor who was born Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1698. Departed this life July ye 29<sup>th</sup> 1779, in the 81<sup>st</sup> year of his age

O may my Humble Spirit stand,  
Amont them Clothed in White  
at Christ's Right Hand  
is Infinite Delight. .

In March, 1773, a petition headed by Othniel Taylor was presented to the town calling attention to the grievances under which the Province labored. After debate, the celebrated Boston Pamphlet was read, and a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration and report at the adjournment of the meeting.

300. In memory of William Taylor Jun<sup>r</sup> Son of William & Lois Taylor. He died March ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1779: aged 11 years and 7 months.

Youth forward, Death soon  
Nips. Vain World farewell to you,  
Heaven is my native air  
I bid my friends a short adieu,  
Impatient to be there.

### Thomas.

301. Elisabeth Thomas Died July 27. 1750:  
Aged 12.

302. Here lyes the Body of Mrs. Janet Thomas, wife of Mr Samuel Thomas who died Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 1756 in the 56 year of her age.

303. In memory of John Thomas, aged 17, son of Peter Thomas of Long Island, Died June 18<sup>th</sup> 1795.

304. Here lyes the body of Mr. Samuel Thomas who died May 20. 1755 in the 67<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

### Treadwell.

305. Sacred to the memory of Major William Treadwell, who died April 10. A. D. 1796, Aet 46.

He enter'd the army in 1775, and devoted his whole time to the service of his Country, until the Independence of America was secured, he ever courted the field of battle, & his military ardour and bravery was indisputable.

A member of Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men which left Worcester, April 19, 1775. He was 2d lieutenant in Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment of artillery in the same year. About 1783, the Worcester artillery was formed, and he was chosen captain. He was an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

“Maj. William Treadwell, one of the most gallant of the officers of the army of the revolution, entered the service at an early age, and was distinguished for lion-hearted courage. He had an enthusiastic love of danger. Twice, when his own division was at rest, he obtained leave of absence, and joined another corps on the eve of battle. While the shot of the enemy struck around him, the testimony of a cotemporary states he would consider with the most deliberate coolness the direction of his own guns, look over the sights to give the best aim, and after the discharge, spring upon the cannon to see the effect. He retired with honorable scars and rank, to a condition of poverty, that drove him to despair, and died broken-hearted.”—*Lincoln's History.*

**Trowbridge.**

306. In memory of Mrs. Sarah Trowbridge wife of Mr. William Trowbridge, who died July 15<sup>th</sup> 1787, in the 31<sup>st</sup> year of her age.

Reader, behold as you pass by,  
As you are now, so once was I,  
As I am now so you must be  
Prepare for death & follow me.

**Walker.**

307. Here lies the Body of Mrs Mary Walker, wife of Mr. Adam Walker, who died Dec<sup>mr</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1758, aged 22 years.

Adam Walker was one of “The gentlemen who were driven from their habitations in the country to the town of Boston,” and who signed the loyal address to Gen. Gage on his departure for England in the fall of 1775.

**Ward.**

308. Here lies interr'd the Remains of Capt Daniel Ward, who departed this life May 21<sup>st</sup> 1777, in the 77<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

Now I behold with sweet delight,  
The Bleſſed Three in One,  
And ſtrong affections fix my ſight  
On God's Incarnet Son.

**Waters.**

309. In memory of Mr. Ebenezer Waters, who died Aug. 27. 1813, Aet 38.

310. John Waters Son of John & Kesia: Died Feb. 11, 1767: a 23 mos

311. William Waters Born Oct. 4. 1754: Died Oct. 10. 1754.

**Wheeler.**

312. Abraham Wheeler Died Oct. 20. 1780: a. 80

313. Dr. Charles Wheeler Died June 3. 1761: a.  
31.

314. Mary Wheeler w. of Thomas: Died May  
16. 1740: a. 40.

315. Susanna Wheeler w. of Thomas Wheeler:  
Born Jan. 23. 1702: Died Sept 23. 1760.

#### **Whitmore.**

316. In memory of Mary Whitmore daut. of Mr.  
John Whitmore and Mrs. Martha his wife, Died  
April 2<sup>d</sup> 1754, in ye 10<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

#### **Whitney.**

317. Polly Whitney Eldest dau. of Moses Kings-  
bury and wife of Amos Whitney: Died April 23,  
1795: a. 23:

Also Ezra, an infant son,—Died in June 1795.

#### **Wiley.**

318. Ezra Wiley Died June \*\*\* 1795: a. 1.

Also \*\*\*\* his mother—Died \*\*\* 1795.

319. John Wiley Son of Joseph & Martha: Died  
Dec 26. 1773: a. 15.

#### *Memento mori:*

320. Here lyes intered the remains of Mr. Joseph  
Wiley, who departed this life May 9<sup>th</sup> 1776, in the  
65<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

321. In memory of Miss Martha Wiley, Daugh-  
ter of Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Martha Wiley, who de-  
parted this life May 6<sup>th</sup> 1794, aged 48 years.

322. Mary Wiley dau. of John & Martha: Died  
April 2. 1754: a 14.

323. Mary Wiley Died Sept. 19. 1755: a 4.

**Willard.**

324. Elizabeth Willard wife of Jonathan Willard:  
Died July 4. 1728: aged about 38.

**Wiswall.**

325. Erected in memory of Mr. Ebenezer Wiswall who died March 19<sup>th</sup> 1809: Aet. 87.

A member of the American Political Society.

326. Here lyes the body of Mrs. Irenna Wiswall, wife of Mr. Eben<sup>r</sup> Wiswall, who died Decem<sup>mr</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1792: Aged 76 y.

Corruption Earth and worms  
Will but refine this flesh,  
Until my spirit comes again  
And puts it on afresh.

**Young.**

327. Janet Young dau. of Wm & Mary: Died Sep. 11. 1756: a 1 y: 7 m: 5 da.

328. Jean Young w. of William: Died Mch 30. 1743 aged 27.

329. Here lyes interred the Remains of John Young who was born in the Isl of Bert, near Londonderry in the Kingdom of Ireland. He departed this life June 30<sup>th</sup> 1730. aged 107.

Here lyes interr'd ye Remains of David Young who was born in the Parish of Tahboyn, County of Donagall & Kingdom of Ireland. He departed this life Decem<sup>r</sup> 26. 1776, aged 94.

The aged Son and the more aged Father — Beneath this stone their mouldering bons here rest together.

330. Martha Boyd Young wife of David Young :  
Died Oct. 26. 1749: a 65 :

331. Robert Young Son of W<sup>m</sup> and Mary : Died  
Sept. 6. 1756 : a 4.

332. Robert Young Son of W<sup>m</sup> and Mary Died  
Apr. 20. 1769 : aged 6 y: 6 m. 3 days.

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*Note to the Inscription, No. 268.*

Mary Sterne, daughter of Judge Wm. Jenison, married Capt. Thomas Sterne who kept the public house known as the "King's Arms," which stood nearly on the site of the present Lincoln House. Her husband died in 1772, and she continued the business until her death in 1784. This tavern was a rendezvous for the tories of the town, and it was at this house that their famous protest of 1774 was prepared and signed. Here two sessions of the Worcester County Convention or Congress of the Committees of Correspondence were held.

On the first celebration of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in Worcester, July 22d, 1776, "a select company of the sons of freedom" repaired to the tavern, and demanded that the sign on which was emblazoned the Royal Arms should be taken down and burned in the street, all of which was cheerfully complied with by the innkeeper.

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FAMILY TOMBS ON THE COMMON.

On the northerly side of that portion of the Common used for burial purposes there was a hill, the ground sloping off towards the north sufficiently to form a natural site for the construction of tombs. Here on the easterly portion of this slope was once located the tomb of the famous Chandler family. It was destroyed during the revolutionary time, after many of the leading members of the family had deserted the town. A little to the west of the Chandler tomb were those of the Dix and the Wheeler families. These have been removed within the remembrance of many of the present citizens of Worcester.



Plan of Mechanic Street Burial Ground,

Oct. 2, 1798.

For Negro people.

Tomb of  
Isaiah Thomas.  


Reserved for Strangers and those who  
are not inhabitants of Worcester.

	218	174	130	86	1	85		41	1	81	83	
216	172	128	84	42			39					
214	170	126	82	40			37	79	123	167		
212	168	124	80	38			35	77	121	165	209	
210	166	122	78	36			29	71	115	159	203	
208	164	120	76	34			27	69	113	157	201	
206	162	118	74	32			25	67	111	155	199	
204	160	116	72	30			23	65	109	153	197	
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198	154	110	66	24			15	57	101	145	189	226
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ENTRANCE ON MECHANIC ST. North 22½° East.



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Through the kindness  
of Rev. George Allen, we  
have learned the names of the  
original owners to the follow-  
ing lots, as annexed in the  
margin:

- 1.—Isaac Putnam.
- 2.—Benjamin Thaxter.
- 3.—D. Blair.
- 4.—P. Slater.
- 5.—Nathan Heard.
- 6.—Samuel Warden.
- 7.—Levi Lincoln.
- 8.—Leonard Worcester.
- 9.—H. Sikes.
- 10.—S. Rice.
- 11.—George Merriam.
- 12.—Jonathan Lovell.
- 13.—John Green.
- 14.—Isaiah Thomas.
- 15.—Mrs. Fowle.
- 16.—Phineas Heywood.
- 17.—Nathaniel Paine.
- 18.—Nathaniel Chandler.
- 19.—Jacob Miller.
- 20.—William Caldwell.
- 21.—Joseph Allen.
- 22.—James McFarland.
- 23.—Joshua Harrington.
- 24.—Noah Harrington.
- 25.—Daniel Smith.

INSCRIPTIONS  
FROM  
THE BURIAL GROUND  
On Mechanic Street.

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[The committee have endeavored, in publishing these inscriptions, to present them so far as possible in *fac simile*, as they were found on the monuments, the lines being indicated by perpendicular marks; and capitals, small capitals and italics have been used where found in the original.]

Adams.

1. This | monument is | Erected in | memory of |  
Mrs Abigail Adams | wife of | Mr Charles Adams |  
*who died* | Oct<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1796 | In the 53 yr | of her age.

Grim death has shook his spacious arm  
the rich, the poor to dust return  
On right & left in heaps they fall  
One equal lot awaits for all

She was Abigail Drury of Shrewsbury. Married Feb. 8, 1764.

2. In Memory of | Mr. CHARLES ADAMS |  
who died | Oct. 3, 1813, | Æt. 70.

3. In Memory of | Miss LUCY ADAMS, | Daughter  
of | Mr. Andrew & | Mrs Rebecca Adams. | who died |  
Dec. 21, 1818. | Aged 27.

4. In Memory of | Mr. RUFUS ADAMS, | son  
of | Mr. Andrew & | Mrs Rebecca Adams | who died |  
Oct. 9, 1828, | Aged 27.

Why do we mourn departed friends  
Or shake at death's alarms  
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
To call them to his arms.

### Alexander.

5. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mrs. ANNA ALEXANDER, | *wife of* | Mr. WILLIAM T. ALEXANDER | who died | October 17, 1820, | aged 37.

She was Anna Campbell and married Oct. 9th, 1804.

### Baird.

6. In Memory of | Mr. DANIEL BAIRD | who died | Dec. 9. 1819, | aged 77.

Married Jane Smith, January 8th, 1768, and kept the Baird Tavern.

He was sergeant in Capt. Benj. Flagg's company that marched from Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Sergeant in Col. Crafts' regiment of artillery, 1776. Private in Capt. David Chadwick's company that marched to Hadley on the alarm at Bennington, Aug. 28, 1777.

In the year 1786, a time when the minds of the people were greatly agitated concerning the distressed condition of the country, in answer to an address to the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, issued by the Selectmen of Boston, delegates from the different towns met in convention to discuss and adopt some means for relief to be presented in the form of petitions to the General Court. Daniel Baird was chosen a delegate to the convention to be held at Paxton on the last Tuesday in September. The petition there framed was not acceptable to the voters of the town, for on its presentation to them they voted not to adopt it, and Oct. 17, 1786, again chose Mr. Baird a delegate to the same convention which had been adjourned to the house of Nathan Patch in Worcester, now known as the "Old Exchange Hotel," there to meet on the second Tuesday in November, 1786. Also chosen on a committee with David Bigelow to frame instructions for the Representative to the General Court, (Capt. Samuel Brooks,) and lay the same before the town for acceptance. At the town meeting held Oct. 23d, they reported the following:

"*1st that whereas the sitting of the General Court in the Town of Boston is attended with great inconvenience we request you to use your endeavours that it be removed to some inland Town. 2d that the courts of common pleas and general sessions be aniolated and some cheaper and more expeditious method be substituted in their Room. 3d that the grant of the supplementary fund to Congress for Twenty five years be emediately repealed and the revenue arising by the import and Excise be appropriated to the payment of the foreign Debt and if that shall prove insufficient that annal grants be made to make up such*

Deficiency and that all other supplys be withheld from Congress till accompts between this Commonwealth and the Continent can be settled. 4th That you indeavour to have the law repealed which obliges Each Town to keep a Grammer School at the Expense of the Town as we think it a burden to be obliged to hire and pay a Grammier Master when the Town at Large receive no advantage thereby, these sir are our statements with which we instruct you to use your Exercions in their support."

After long debate, the town voted 62 to 54 to accept the first three paragraphs of the report. At the same meeting, a copy of instructions had been presented by Dr. Elijah Dix, and were rejected by a vote of 67 to 59.

Mr. Baird held the office of Selectman for five years commencing with 1785, and was a member of The American Political Society.

7. In Memory of | Mrs. JANE BAIRD, | wife of | Mr. DANIEL BAIRD | who died | April 15. 1811, | aged 64.

### **Barber.**

8. In Memory of | Mr. | ASA BARBER | who died | March 17, 1832, | aged 43 years.

9. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mrs ELIZ<sup>A</sup> BARBER, | Relict of | Mr. Joseph Barber, | who died | May 28, 1815, |  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 65.

No pain or grief or anxious fear  
Can reach the lovely sleeper here.

Was Elizabeth Maclanathan of Palmer.

10. ERECTED | In memory of | Mr. JOSEPH BARBER, | who died | June 29, 1811. |  $\text{\AA}$ Et 73.

The sweet remembrance of the just,  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

Was an original member of The American Political Society; a member of the local Committee of Correspondence, 1778-9; a delegate with David Bigelow to a convention held at Concord in 1779 to devise measures for the relief of the people from the effects of the depreciation of the currency. Selectman, 1780.

11. In Memory of | WILLIAM BARBER, | *of Boston.* | Nephew of Elder | Wm. Bentley, | who died Nov. 12, 1813, |  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 19.

**Bellows.**

12. ASAHEL BELLOWS | DIED | Aug. 9, 1835: |  
aged 54.

Was one of the original members of the Central Bank corporation, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. The act of incorporation was approved by the governor, March 12th, 1828. He kept the tavern known as the Bellows Tavern. Was jailor from 1824 to 1835. Also selectman in 1830.

13. In Memory of | Miss HANNAH BELLOWS,  
daughter of | Mr. SIMEON & Mrs. | REBECCA BELLOWS  
*formerly of Westborough.* | who died | Sept. 1. 1824.  
Aged 45.

**Bigelow.**

14. In Memory of | Mrs. | ARETHUSA BIGELOW | wife of | Mr. Silas Bigelow, | who died | December 23, 1815, | aged 44 years.

Was Arethusa Moore.

15. ERECTED | In memory of | DEAC<sup>D</sup> DAVID BIGELOW, | who died | May 10, 1810. | Æt. 79.

Was a brother of Col. Timothy Bigelow. Resided in the northeast part of the town on the road now known as Mountain street. Tavern keeper. Married for his first wife, in 1752, Sarah Eaton, and his second wife, whom he married in 1764, was Deborah Heywood. Selectman, 1776, 77, 79, 80, 83, 84. In September, 1775, he was chosen a member of a committee to inspect the tories passing between Lancaster and Worcester or any other way. Representative to the General Court, 1777. Was a delegate to a State Convention assembled at Concord on the 14th of July, 1779, to adopt measures to relieve the people from the disastrous effects of the great depreciation of the currency, and the high prices of the necessaries of life. With Levi Lincoln, sen. and Joseph Allen, was chosen in 1779 a delegate to a convention for framing a Constitution. In 1783 was a member of a committee appointed by the town to draw up an ex-

pression of the sentiment of the town in relation to absentees and refugees. Was a deacon of the first Unitarian Church from its organization in 1785.

16. ERECTED | In Memory of | MRS. DEBORAH BIGELOW, | who died | May 23, 1822, | aged 86.

Was Deborah Heywood.

17. In Memory of | Mr. | SILAS BIGELOW, | who died | April 24, 1837, | aged 66 years.

Son of Dea. David Bigelow.

### Bingham.

18. In Memory of | Mr. WILLIAM BINGHAM | who died | April 7, 1827. | aged 27.

### Blair.

19. ERECTED | In Memory of | MR. JOSEPH BLAIR, | who died | February 8, 1804. |  $\text{Æt. } 77$ .

Was one of the royalist protesters, and deemed a tory or hardly worthy of the confidence of the patriots. Was given an opportunity by the Committee of Correspondence to either join the continental army or furnish a substitute. Was afterwards disarmed and forbidden to depart the town without a permit.

### Blanchard.

20. MARY ELIZABETH. | *daughter of Widow* | *Elizabeth Blanchard.* | died Aug. 12, 1834. | aged 9 years.

21. William Alden, | *Son of* | *Mr. Alden & Mrs. Elizabeth Blanchard.* | Born March 27, 1828. | Died March 12, 1829.

### Bragg.

22. LOIS BRAGG, | died Nov. 8 1848 | aged 52 years.

23. In Memory of | Mrs. | MOLLY BRAGG, | wife  
of | Mr. Timothy Bragg, | who was born June 28, |  
1761 : | and died April 28, 1830.

Her children arise up and call her  
blessed; her husband also, and he  
Praiseth her.

Was Molly Taylor. Married Jan. 18, 1792.

### Bridge.

24. \*\*\*\* Benjamin Bridge | who died | Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> |  
1796 | aged 22 yr<sup>s</sup>

Son of Deacon Samuel Bridge. By profession he was an Attorney at Law.

25. In | memory of | Mr. James Bridge | who died |  
Sept<sup>t</sup> 28; | 1798 | in ye 30 yr | of his age.

From SPY, Oct. 31, 1798. "Died in this town Mr. James Bridge, Merchant, aged 30. In him were combined all the virtues of a sincere friend, an honest and active merchant, a friend to religion and to man. Society has lost a worthy member, and aged parents an irreparable prop to their declining years."

26. In Memory | of SAMUEL BRIDGE, | Deac. of  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Church in Worcester | In life he exhibited the  
virtues | of the active & useful Citizen, | and graces  
of the pious & cheerful | Christian. He was an ex-  
ample of fidelity | & punctuality. A pattern of  
decency and | order, and A promoter of every plan  
of public | utility or private benevolence. | *Obiit* the  
4<sup>th</sup> of August 1799 | *Aetatis* 65.

Married Mary Goodwin, March 1st, 1757.

Lived on the east side of what is now Lincoln street. Was a constable of the town of Worcester. A signer of the royalist protest of 1774. Crier of the Courts from 1779 to 1799.

The following notice is from the SPY of Aug. 7, 1799. "Died in this town, Dea. Samuel Bridge aged 65. By his death society has lost a vigilant and useful member. A friend to good order in all the

concerns of social, civil and religious life ; his example of attention, punctuality and fidelity is worthy of general imitation. He filled his station with honesty and honor, and supported his Christian profession by a constant observance of the offices of piety and an habitual exercise of the active virtues of the gospel."

### **B**righam.

27. In Memory of | ROBERT B. BRIGHAM, | Esq. |  
Obiit April 30. 1817. | Æt. 41.

Stop my friend and think on me.  
I once was in this world like thee:  
Now I lie mouldering in the dust,  
Hoping to rise amongst the just.

Robert Breck Brigham was cashier of the Worcester Bank from 1805 to 1812. He never married.

### **B**rooks.

28. In Memory of | Capt. SAMUEL BROOKS |  
who died | June 29. 1817, | Æt. 87.

Selectman, 1784 to 1793, inclusive.

Representative to the General Court, 1786, '87.

Married Hannah Brown of Carlisle, March 14, 1755. .

### **B**rown.

29. In Memory of | Mr. DAVID BROWN, |  
Obiit Oct. 11, 1816, | Æt. 48.

Father of Ichabod Washburn's wife. A carpenter by trade.

30. IN Memory of | Eliza Brown | daug'r of Mr. |  
David & Mrs. | Lucy Brown | who died | Sept. 14, |  
1808, aged 1 year 4 months 18 days.

31. SACRED | to the Memory of | LUCY BROWN, |  
daughter of | DAVID BROWN, | who died | May  
31, 1819. | aged 19.

To sorrow, pain, and sin a long adieu.  
And, Christian Friends, a short farewell to you.  
Receive, kind earth, the mortal part of me;  
And, O my Saviour! take my soul to thee.

32. In Memory of | Mrs. LUCY BROWN | Relict of | Mr. DAVID BROWN, | who died | Feb. 20, 1823. | aged 47.

### Burbank.

33. MRS. | ELIZABETH BURBANK, | wife of | Elijah Burbank, | died Sept. 22, 1831, | aged 66.

Elijah Burbank succeeded Isaiah Thomas in the manufacture of paper, continuing in the business until 1834. February 28, 1827, the upper story of his mill with a quantity of paper stock was destroyed by fire, the origin of the fire being spontaneous combustion of cotton waste. He was one of the charter members of the Worcester Bank under the date, March 7th, 1804.

He had two sons, Leonard and Gardner, both graduates of B. U., 1807, 1809. Was brother of Maj. Gen. Caleb Burbank of Burbank-Ville, now Bramanville. Both Elijah and the General were quite successful in business at first, but died poor.

34. In Memory of | MARY BURBANK | daug. of Mr. Elijah | & Mrs. Eliza<sup>a</sup> Burbank | who died | March 12, 1810 | Æt. 17.

If blooming youth, If parents' prayers  
Could turn Deaths shaft aside ;  
If mental grace, if friendship's tears,  
Then MARY had not died.

### Chaddick.

34<sup>1/2</sup>. IN | memory of Mr | Joseph Chaddick | who died | July 23<sup>d</sup> 1798 | in the 35 yr | of his age.

He died from the effect of a sun-stroke. His wife, formerly Dolly Bigelow, some years after his death kept a public house on the Boylston road.

### Chadwick.

35. In Memory of | Mrs. BETSEY CHADWICK | wife of | Mr. DANIEL CHADWICK Jr. | who died | Jan. 30, 1818, | aged 24.

36. In Memory of | Mr. DANIEL CHADWICK Jr. | who died | Feb. 26, 1825, | Aged 37.

37. In Memory of | Mr. | DANIEL CHADWICK, | who died | May 23, 1836, | aged 84.

38. In Memory of | Mrs. ELIZABETH CHADWICK, | wife of | Mr. DANIEL CHADWICK | who died | July 1, 1822, | aged 61.

39. JOSEPH | Son of Mr. Daniel | & Mrs. Eliza<sup>a</sup> Chadwick | Died | March 2<sup>d</sup> 1812. | Aged 12 years | & 7 months.

#### Chamberlain.

40. In Memory of | Dea<sup>n</sup> | JOHN CHAMBERLAIN | who died | May 31, 1813. | Æt. 68.

Dea. John Chamberlain was the eldest son of Dea. Jacob Chamberlain. Was disarmed by the Committee of Correspondence in May, 1775. Selectman, of the town, 1785, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 97, 98, 1801-02. Was deacon of the first parish for twenty-two years from 1791 to 1812. He married Mary, daughter of Capt. John Curtis, and his son, Hon. John Curtis Chamberlain was a distinguished lawyer of Charlestown, N. H., and member of Congress from that State. Another son, Gen. Thomas Chamberlain, was Crier of the Courts for seventeen years previous to his death, and was the first president of the Common Council of the city of Worcester. He filled most of the military officers from corporal to Brig. General with the highest honor to himself and to the satisfaction of his command. Another son, Levi, a lawyer of distinction at Fitzwilliam, N. H., afterwards at Keene, where he died, was a member of the Peace Congress of 1811-2. Another son, Henry, was also a lawyer, who practised law in Maine and Georgia.

41. In Memory of | Mrs MARY CHAMBERLAIN | Relict of | Deac. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN. | Obiit Feb. 26. 1818. | Æt. 70.

She was Mary Curtis. Married June 27, 1771.

42. In Memory of | Miss Sarah Chamberlain, | who departed this life | Sept<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1796. | Ætatis 61.

#### Chamberlin.

43. In Memory of | Mrs. HANNAH CHAMBERLIN, | Relict of | Mr. MOSES CHAMBERLIN, | who died | August 28, 1826. | Aged 63.

44. MOSES BRADFORD, | Son of | Mr. Harmon & Mrs. | Arathusa Chamberlin. | Died May 13, 1825. | aged 5 years.

### Chaplin.

45. In Memory of | DR. BENJAMIN CHAPIN | who died | January 15, 1835, | Aged 54 years.

A son of Thaddeus Chapin. Studied medicine with the second Dr. John Green, and practised in Marlboro'. Returned to Worcester in 1808. Was town clerk from 1818 to 1833. Resided on Front street, just below where the Union Church now stands.

46. CAROLINE | daughter of | DR. BENJ. CHAPIN, | died Dec. 12, 1840, | aged 12 years.

47. CORNELIA | daughter of | DR. BENJ. CHAPIN, | died June 3, 1840, | aged 7 years.

48. In Memory of | MRS. COMFORT CHAPIN | Consort of | DR. BENJ. CHAPIN, | who died | Oct. 14, 1814, |  $\text{\textit{Æt.}}\ 29.$

Husband, Mother, Medicine nor friends could save  
This amiable person from the grave  
Her spirit, I trust, flew to realms of light  
Therein God through Christ ever to delight.

Was Comfort Bancroft.

49. In Memory of | CAPT. ELI CHAPIN, | who died | March 7, 1830, | Aged 76.

Was one of ten individuals whose estates were within the bounds of the South Parish (Ward), yet were allowed by an act of the General Court to continue their connection with the town of Worcester. Was private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men who marched for Lexington, April 19, 1775. Enlisted April 25th, as private in Capt. Jonas Hubbard's company, and also a private in Capt. David Chadwick's company, Aug. 28, 1777.

50. In Memory of | MRS. HANNAH CHAPIN | wife of | DR. BENJAMIN CHAPIN, | who died | Dec. 21, 1834, | Aged 33 years.

51. LUCY CHAPIN | daughter of | Doct. Benj.  
Chapin, | died | March 5, 1843, | aged 21.

52. In memory of | LUCY CHAPIN | *relict of* |  
Capt. Thaddeus | Chapin, | who died June 1, 1847, |  
aged 88 years.

53. In | Memory of | LUCY W. CHAPIN. | eld-  
est daughter of | DEAC. BENJAMIN & | COMFORT CHAP-  
IN, | who died | Dec. 3 1821: | AEt. 14.

54. In Memory of | Mrs. MARGARET CHAPIN, | wife  
of | *Capt. Eli Chapin*, | who died | Jan. 10, 1831, |  
Aged 75.

55. IN | Memory of | Miss MARY CHAPIN | *Daug<sup>r</sup> of*  
*Deacon Seth Chapin* | of Mendon, who died | July  
26, 1805. | AEt. 30.

56. In Memory of | Capt. THADDEUS CHAPIN. |  
who died | March 14. 1831. | Aged 75.

Married Lucy Whitney, June 29th, 1780, and resided within that district of Worcester, known as the South Parish incorporated April 10th, 1778, as the town of Ward, so named in honor of General Artemas Ward of revolutionary fame. In 1826, Mr. Chapin with ten others petitioned the Legislature to re-annex to Worcester that portion in which their estates were located. The request was refused.

### Childs.

57. In Memory of | LUCY B. CHILD, | Daughter  
of | Col. Moses N. & | Mrs. Sarah Childs | who died |  
Feb. 8 1820 | aged 17 years 9 m. | & 2 days.

58. In memory of | MOSES CHILD. | Son of | Col.  
Moses N. & | Mrs Sarah Childs | who died | May 22,  
1823, | aged 17 years 10 m. | & 28 days.

59. In Memory of | Col. MOSES N. CHILDS, | who died | Jan. 30. 1826, | aged 51 years, 9 m & | 24 days.

Was one of the founders of the Calvinist (Central) Church, and one of eight persons who on the 8th of Feb., 1822, bound themselves to defray, out of their private resources, the expenses of public worship for five years, after deducting such sums as might be voluntarily contributed by others.

60. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH CHILDS, | wife of | Col. MOSES N. CHILDS | who died Feb. 4, 1823. | aged 52 years 11 m. | & 24 days.

Was Sarah Haywood.

61. In Memory of | Simeon H. Child, son | of Col. Moses N. Child, | & Sarah his wife | who died | March 18. 1815. |  $\text{\AA}$ Et 19.

### Clapp.

62. In Memory of | Daniel Clapp Esq | who died | March 23 1827 | Aged 87.

Was one of fifteen jurors who refused April 19, 1774, to serve under Chief Justice Peter Oliver, because the last House of Representatives had impeached him for receiving his salary from the English Crown.

Was register of deeds from 1784 to 1816.

He lived on what is now the corner of Main and Park streets.

### Clark.

63. In Memory of | Mrs. NANCY CLARK, | wife of | Capt. LEONARD CLARK, | who died | June 24. 1818. | aged 32 years.

Daughter of Deacon Nathan Heard.

### Clements.

64. In Memory of | Mrs. BEULAH CLEMENTS, | wife of Mr. MOSES CLEMENTS | and Daughter of | *Deac. William Trowbridge*, | who died | Sept. 30. 1826, | Aged 39.

**Coes.**

65. ERECTED | In memory of | Leonard Chapin Coes, | *only son of Mr. William & Mrs. Jemima Coes* who | died Sept 9, 1813 | aged 14 month | & 2 days.

**Coolidge.**

66. In Memory of | Capt. JOHN COOLIDGE | who died | Jan. 20, 1824, | aged 35.

Was ensign of the Worcester Light Infantry that marched to Boston from Worcester, Sept. 14th, 1814, and remained in camp at South Boston until the 31st of Oct., when they were discharged and returned home. He was afterwards captain of that company.

67. SACRED | To the memory of | NATHAN B. COOLIDGE. | *Son of Mr. Nathaniel & Mrs. Catharine Coolidge* | who departed this life | June 5<sup>th</sup> 1813 in the 20 | year of his age.

Nathan B. and Capt. John were sons of Mr. Nathaniel Coolidge, and grandsons of Mr. Nathan Baldwin, register of deeds.

**Curtis.**

68. In Memory of | Mr. | EPHRAIM CURTIS| who died Oct. 9. 1839. | aged 75 years.

69. In Memory of | Mrs EUNICE CURTIS, | wife of | Mr. SAMUEL CURTIS Jr. | who died | August 22, 1802, | aged 40 years.

Was Eunice Flagg. Married August 20th, 1785. She was the first wife of Mr. Samuel Curtis, Jr. He married for his second wife Mrs. David Stowell whose maiden name was Eunice Taft.

70. HARRIET NEWELL. | Daughter of | John & | Nancy Curtis. | Died | June 24. 1818. | Æt. 4.

71. In Memory of | Mr. JOHN CURTIS, | Born Dec. 23, 1783. | Died August 3, 1826.

72. In memory of | Mrs. LYDIA, | wife of Tyler Curtis, | who died | Oct. 5, 1841, | aged 88 years.

Was Lydia Chamberlain. Married Sept. 5, 1776.

73. In Memory of | Mrs MARY CURTIS, | Relict of | SAMUEL CURTIS Esq | who died | June 3, 1830, | in the 95 year | of her age.

Was Mary Ward. Married March 30, 1757.

74. In Memory of | Miss | MARY CURTIS | who died Oct. 12, 1839, | aged 79 years.

75. In Memory of | Mr NATHANIEL CURTIS 2<sup>d</sup> | who died | March 28. 1818. | Æt. 24.

76. ERECTED | In Memory of | SAMUEL CURTIS, | son of Mr Tyler & Mrs Lydia Curtis, | who died | May 17, 1811, | Aged 15 years.

77. In Memory of | SAMUEL CURTIS Esq | who died | Oct. 18. 1814. | Æt. 84.

Was one of the leading whigs of Worcester during the war of the Revolution. Was one of the committee who reported the constitution and rules of the American Political Society in 1773. In 1776, he was elected magistrate to exercise the powers of Justice of the Peace for the preservation of good order. Was a member of many important revolutionary committees. Selectman, 1766, 75, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95. Representative to the General Court, 1778 to 1785, 1802, 1804, 1806.

78. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mr. Tylor Curtis, | who died | April 16. 1807. Æt. 54.

O thou didst thy glory leave,  
Apostate sinners to relieve,  
From natures deadly fall.  
If thou haft bought me with a price,  
My sins against me ne'er shall rife,  
For thou haft borne them all.

A son of Captain John Curtis.

79. In memory of TYLER CURTIS, | son of | Tyler & Lydia Curtis, | who died | March 17, 1842, | aged 40 yrs.

**Daniels.**

80. In Memory of | Mr. JOSEPH DANIELS, | who died | Feb. 18 1826. | aged 68.

**Day.**

81. In Memory of | Miss EUNICE DAY, | Daughter of | Capt. SAMUEL DAY & | Mrs. SARAH DAY | Born at Wrentham | July 13, 1757. | Died Jan. 14, 1828.

One Generation passeth away and another Generation cometh but the earth ab'deth forever.

**Dix.**

82. In Memory of | SARAH DIX. Daughter of | Mr Elbridge & | Mrs Hannah Dix | who died | Nov. 19 1825, | aged 2 years & 10 m.

**Duncan.**

83. CLARISSA | daugh'r of | *Capt Simion Duncan,* | Died | June 6, 1813, | Aged 10 years.

84. ERECTED | In memory of | MRS. MARY DUNCAN. wife of | *Capt Simion Duncan.* | who died | May 26, 1813, |  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 53. | also on the same day, died | William Duncan, son to said | Simion & Mary aged 8 years | & 7 M<sup>o</sup> and interred in the same grave.

Mrs. Duncan was Mary Blair. Married April 11, 1780.

85. In Memory of | Capt. | SIMEON DUNCAN, | who died | February 22, 1836, | aged 80 years. | He was a revolutionary patriot.

Was private in Capt. Benj. Flagg's company, April 19, 1775. Also a private in Capt. Wm. Gates' company, Sept. 4, 1776. Enlisted and was bombardier in Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment of artillery, 1777. He also marched to Hadley on the alarm at Bennington with Capt. David Chadwick's company, Aug. 28, 1777.

**Dyer.**

86. In Memory of | Mrs. ELIZABETH DYER, | wife  
of Mr. DISON DYER | who died | August 13, 1828 |  
Aged 67.

Was Elizabeth Denny. Married June 2d, 1818.

**Eaton.**

87. In Memory of | ADALIN \*\*\*\*\* | Daughter of |  
Alpheus Eaton Jr | and Betsey his wife. | who died |  
March 16. 1814, | aged 4 years & 10 M.

88. In memory of | Adonijah Rice Eaton, | Son  
of | Mr Amherst & | Mrs Eliza Eaton, | who died |  
Sep<sup>t</sup>. 13, 1808. | Aged 20 months

(Below the earth line are the characters: \$4.17)

Was a descendant of Adonijah Rice, the first male child, born in  
Worcester, who died in Shoreham, Vt., Feb. 1802, aged 88.

89. In Memory of | Almira Eaton | Daughter of |  
William Eaton, Jr. | & Hannah his wife | who died |  
May 1 1826, | aged 3 years | & 10 months.

Joys departed never to return.

90. In Memory of | ANNIS EATON | daughter  
of | Mr. Alpheus & Mrs Annis Eaton, | who died |  
May 27, 1826. | in the 16<sup>th</sup> year | of her age.

91. In Memory of | JOHN ELLIOT EATON, | son of |  
Mr. Alpheus & | Mrs Annis Eaton, | who died | May  
11 1826 | in the 18<sup>th</sup> year | of his age.

92. ERECTED | In Memory of | MRS. SALLY EATON, |  
*wife of Mr. Alpheus Eaton*, | who died | Aug 27,  
1807. | aged 41 years.

Was Sarah Johnson. Married April 6, 1786.

**Esty.**

93. In Memory of | Lemuel Esty | who died |  
Oct. 6 1817 | Aged 21

**Eveleth.**

94. SACRED | To the memory | of | CAPT. DANIEL  
EVELETH, | who died July 3, 1810. | AEt. 89.

He was at the taking of Cape Breton. Went from Boston. After the Revolution, he came to Worcester. Was one of the oldest survivors of that war at the time of his death. Boarded at Capt. Daniel Heywood's tavern for many years.

**Farnsworth.**

95. HEMAN LINCOLN, | son of | Benjamin F. & |  
Maria C. Farnsworth. | Died | Sept. 6, 1825 | aged 20  
months.

**Fiske.**

96. In Memory of | Mr. | JOHN FISKE | who  
died | Sept. 10, 1836, | aged 35 years.

"Be ye therefore ready also: for  
the Son of man cometh at an hour  
When ye think not."

**Flagg.**

97. ERECTED | in memory of | Mrs ABIGAIL  
FLAGG, | consort of | COL. BENJAMIN FLAGG; |  
who died Octr. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1797, aged 72. | After a life spent  
in the ser- | vice of GOD, and in acts of | charity to  
her | Fellow mortals.

Friend quit this stone and look above the skies,  
The dust lies here but virtue never dies.

Was Abigail Chadwick, daughter of John Chadwick.

98. In Memory of | Mr. AMOS FLAGG. | who died |  
Dec. 17. 1817. | Aged 32.

Till Christ shall come to rouse the slumb'ring dead,  
Farewell, pale, lifeless clay, a long Farewell.  
Sweet be thy sleep, beneath that green Tree's shade,  
There I have laid the in thy lowly cell.

99. In Memory of | Amos Flagg, | son of | Amos  
& Betsey Flagg; | who died | July 18. 1818. | Aged  
18 months.

100. In Memory of | Col. BENJAMIN FLAGG | who died | Oct. 8, 1818, | aged 95.

Commanded a company of minute men which left Worcester, April 19, 1775, on the alarm at Lexington, and attained the rank of Colonel in the Revolutionary service. Selectman from 1766 to 77 inclusive. An original member of the American Political Society.

The following notice appeared in the Spy of Oct. 14, 1818.

"A distinguished Revolutionary Patriot deceased. Died in this town on the 8th inst. Col. Benj. Flagg aged XCV the oldest man in this town. His surviving posterity are 4 children, 41 grandchildren and 83 great-grandchildren. At his advanced age he had outlived many more of each generation. Few have lived so long and descended to the grave more respected."

101. In memory of | Mr. BENJAMIN FLAGG, | who died | March 9, 1819, | Aged 73.

102. In Memory of | Miss | CATHARINE FLAGG, | daughter of the late | Mr. Elijah Flagg, | who died | April 4, 1829, | aged 39.

103. In Memory of | Mr. ELIJAH FLAGG | who died, March 21. 1813 | Aged 58.

104. ELIZABETH FLAGG, | Daughter of | Elijah & Sarah Flagg. | Died | Sept. 21, 1803, | Aged 1 year.

105. In Memory of | Mrs. | HANNAH FLAGG, | wife of | Benjamin Flagg, | who died | July 21. 1843, | aged 97 years. .

106. In Memory of | SAMUEL FLAGG, Esq. | who died | March 5. 1825. | aged 50 years.

107. In Memory of | Mrs. | SARAH FLAGG. | wife of the late | Mr. Elijah Flagg | who died | August 16, 1831. | aged 66.

She was Sarah Moore. Married Nov. 23d, 1780.

108. In Memory of | Mr. SILAS M. FLAGG | who died Sept. 8, 1810. Aged 28.

#### Fowle.

109. In Memory of | Mr. CURTIS FOWLE, | who died | March 18, 1825, aged 80.

An Englishman by birth—came to | this Country—joined the American | army in 1775, and faithfully | served during the war.

He married Susannah Shedd, January 23, 1785.

From the SPY, March 23, 1825. “Died 18th inst. Mr. Curtis Fowle aged 80. He was an Englishman by birth, came to this country about the year 1766, on board a British Frigate, from which he deserted. In 1775 he joined the American Army, in which he faithfully served during the whole Revolutionary war.”

#### Furrows.

110. Beneath this monument are | deposited the remains of | ZILPHA FURROWS | who died | July 8, 1830, | aged 34 years. She was honest and pious

#### Gates.

111. In Memory of | Mrs. | ABIGAIL GATES, | wife of | Mr. Simon S. Gates. | Born Dec. 28. 1807. | Died Oct. 22. 1838.

112. In Memory of | Mr. JOHN GATES, | who died | Nov. 21, 1797,  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 87.

113. In Memory of | Mr. JON<sup>A</sup> GATES | who died | Dec. 4, 1814, |  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 66.

Friends & Physicians could not save  
My mortal body from the grave :  
Nor can the grave confine me here —  
When Christ doth call, I must appear.

114. In memory of | MRS LUCY GATES, | wife of |  
Mr. Nathaniel Gates, | Who died | June 16, 1855. |  
Æt 85.

115. In Memory of | Mr. NATHANIEL GATES. | who  
died | Dec. 10, 1824, | aged 54.

116. SAMUEL GATES, | died 19, Dec. 1831, |  
aged 77 years. | LUCY, | his wife, died 22. Sept. |  
1819. | aged 56 years. | POLLY, | their daughter  
died 19. Nov. | 1842, | aged 59 years.

Mrs. Gates was Lucy Chadwick. Married Aug. 15th, 1781.

117. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH GATES, | *Relict  
of* | Mr. JONATHAN GATES, | who died | Jan. 28, 1828, |  
Aged 78.

When I lie buried deep in dust  
My flesh shall be thy care.  
These with'ring limbs with the I trust  
To raise them strong and fair.

118. In Memory of | Mrs. Sarah Gates, | *Wife of* |  
Mr. SIMON S. GATES, | who died | Feb. 23, 1830. |  
Aged 33.

119. In Memory of | Mrs VIOLATY GATES |  
*Relict of* | Mr John Gates, who died | Feb. 10,  
1801, | Æt. 79.

120. In Memory of | Capt. William Gates, | who  
died | July 7, 1811, | Æt. 76.

We'll cease then to weep for the dead;  
For low is their couch of repose:  
But sweet is the thought that their head  
In triumph and glory arose.

Strive ye to make Jesus your friend;  
Like him then you'll gloriously rise,  
And triumph o'er death and the tomb,  
In regions above yonder skies.

Capt. William Gates was first sergeant in the company of minute men under the command of Capt. Timothy Bigelow, which marched

from Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Second lieutenant in a company under the command of Capt. Jonas Hubbard, which served three months near Boston, the same year. Captain of a company in Col. Jonathan Holman's regiment in the Continental Army.

Was town treasurer, 1780 and 1781.

### Geer.

121. In Memory of | Mrs. AZUBAH GEER, | wife of | Mr. EBENEZER GEER, who died | March 4, 1826, | aged 40.

Was Azubah Chadwick. Married April 18, 1816.

122. In Memory of | Mr. EBENEZER GEER Jr. | who died | August 31, 1818, | aged 28.

### Gleason.

123. In Memory of | Capt. JOHN GLEASON | who died | April 14, 1823, | Aged 49.

Selectman from 1811 to 1815.

124. In Memory of | Mr. JONATHAN GLEASON | who died | June 4, 1827, | Aged 82.

Was private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company in 1775, and also in the company commanded by Capt. Jonas Hubbard in service near Boston, the same year.

125. In Memory of | Mrs. POLLY GLEASON | wife of | Capt. John Gleason. | who died | April 29 1829. | Aged 51.

She was Polly Symonds of Holden. Married March 29, 1801.

126. In Memory of | Mrs MARY GLEASON, | Consort of | Mr. Jonathan Gleason | who died | August 4 1824, | aged 73.

"Behold the sad unerring stroke :

Which now arrests our eyes,  
The silken bands of union broke,  
A tender Mother dies.

127. In Memory of | SAMUEL S. GLEASON, | Son  
of | Capt. John Gleason, | who died | June 21. 1826. |  
Aged 18.

### Gleson.

128. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH GLESON | wife  
of | Mr. Solomon Gleson. | who died | April 20. 1816 |  
Aged 28.

Friends & Physicians could not save  
My mortal body from the grave  
Nor can the grave confine it here  
When Christ commands it to appear.

### Goddard.

129. ERECTED | in memory of | Mrs. | BETSEY GODDARD, | wife of | Elder Luther Goddard. | who died | January 19. 1828. | aged 64 years.

Resign'd in life in death I rest,  
Now I am free from care and pain;  
\* \* \* \* \* and by him blest,  
\* \* \* \* \* to me is gain.

Was Betsey Dakin of Boylston.

130. In Memory of | CLARISSA GODDARD, | Daughter  
of | Elder LUTHER & | Mrs. BETSEY GODDARD, |  
who died | April 13, 1826, | in the 26 year | of her  
age.

My flesh shall slumber in the ground,  
Till the last trumpet's joyful sound:  
Then burst the chains with sweet surprise,  
And in my Saviour's image rise.

131. Mrs. LECRETIA, | wife of | Elder Luther  
Goddard. | died Nov. 3. 1852, | aged 77 years.

" This Mortal shall put  
on immortality."

Married 1st a Mr. Hatch, 2d a Mr. Howard and 3d Elder Goddard. Was Lucretia Story of Norwich, Conn.

132. ELDER LUTHER GODDARD | DIED | May 25,  
1842; | Aged 80 yrs

" Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: they  
rest from their labors and their works do  
follow them."

Watchmaker. Manufactured clocks and watches in Shrewsbury previous to the year 1800. Came to Worcester in 1818. Was well known in this county as a Baptist minister.

### Godfrey.

133. In Memory of | Miss | MARY Y. GODFREY | who died | while on a visit to this town | March 27, 1836, | aged 27 years.

### Goodale.

134. SACRED | To the Memory of | JOHN GOODALE, | who departed this life | April 13, 1827. | Aged 82 years. | A liberal Benefactor | of the First | Baptist | Society in Worcester.

He by his last will and testament bequeathed \$1000 to the First Baptist Church in Worcester, and the society voted to erect a monument to his memory with a suitable inscription.

135. In memory of | Mrs Lucy Goodale | wife of | Mr. John Goodale | who died | Feby 11, 1814 | AE 74

### Gould.

136. In Memory of | Miss. NABBY D GOULD, | who died | October 17, 1820, | aged 20.

No pain, nor grief, or anxious fear,  
Can reach this lovely sleeper here.

### Goulding.

137. In Memory of | Franklin Goulding, | son of Mr. William | & Mrs Lucinda Goulding | who died | Dec<sup>r</sup> 15. 1806. | aged 1 year & 2 M<sup>s</sup> | & 10 days.

138. IN | memory of | Nabby Goulding | dau<sup>r</sup> of Mr Peter | & Mrs Lucy | Goulding who was | born Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> | 1783 & died | Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1798.

Early, bright, transient, chaste  
as morning dew.  
\* \* \* \* \*

139. BENEATH this Stone | are the Remains | of  
*William James Goulding, | Son of Mr William |*  
*& Mrs Lucretia Goulding | who died July 7 1808. |*  
 Aged 14 years 7 months | & 4 days.

### Gray.

140. In Memory of | Mrs. Margaret Gray, | wife  
 of | Mr. Robert Gray. | who died | Sept<sup>t</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> | 1796. in  
 the 58<sup>th</sup> year | of her age.

141. IN | memory of | Margaret Gray | dau. of Mr. |  
 Thomas & Mrs. | Milly Gray | who died | Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>  
 1800 | aged 3 months | & 21 days.

142. In memory of | Moses Gray son | of Mr  
 Reuben & Mrs Lydia | Gray who was killed by | the  
 fall of a tree March | 26, 1803 Æt. 18.

143. In memory of | Mr Robert Gray | *who died* |  
 Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. 1799 | In ye 65 yr | of his age.

144. IN | memory of | Reuben Gray Jun<sup>r</sup> | son of  
 Mr. Reuben & | Mrs. Lydia Gray, | who was drown-  
 ed | July 12, 1807. | Æt 20.

145. In Memory of | Mr. REUBEN GRAY. | who  
 died | May 23, 1814, | aged 70.

### Green.

146. IN | Memory of | Salley Green<sup>W</sup> daughter | of  
 Doct<sup>r</sup> John Green | jun. & Nancy<sup>W</sup> his | wife born  
 Aug. 22 | 1794 and died | Aug. 23 1796.

147. IN | memory of | Samuel Green, Son of |  
 Doct<sup>r</sup> John Green jun. | and Nancey his wife, | born  
 March 28<sup>th</sup> 1792, | and *died* Aug. 23<sup>d</sup> 1796; | in the  
 5<sup>th</sup> year | of his age.

The two preceding were children of Dr. John Green, the second of the name; and sister and brother of the third Dr. John Green, the founder of the Public Library in Worcester. John Green, 2d, was a distinguished physician in his time. He died August 11, 1808, aged 45.

### Grout.

148. In Memory of | Mrs. ANNA GROUT. | *wife of Mr Jonathan Grout.* | who died | Aug. 25. 1827. | Aged 86.

Was Anna Harrington.

149. In Memory of | Mr. JONATHAN GROUT. | who died | Oct. 17. 1828. | In the 85 year | of his age.

### Harrington.

150. In Memory of | Mr. EBENEZER HARRINGTON | who died | March 26 1822 | in the 30<sup>th</sup> year | of his age.

151. Miss HANNAH, | daughter of | Francis & Lydia | Harrington, | died July 14, 1823, | aged 17 years.

152. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, Son of | *Capt.* FRANCIS HARRINGTON, | died | April 13. 1812, | aged 4 years.

153. In Memory of | Mrs. LOUIS HARRINGTON, | *wife of* | Mr. NOAH HARRINGTON, | who died | Oct. 11, 1820, | aged 54.

Was Lois Kingsley, daughter of Enoch Kingsley of Shrewsbury. Married July 27, 1784. Her husband, Noah Harrington, who died July 18, 1832, aged 73, is buried in the same lot; but no monument was erected to his memory. He was in Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment of artillery in 1776 and 1777.

154. ERECTED in | Memory of Mindwell | Harrington. | wife of Silas Harrington | who died | Oct. 27 1808 | *Æt* 57.

Was Mindwell Willington. Married Nov. 25, 1773.

155. In Memory of | Mr. | NATHL. HARRINGTON, | who died | Feb. 28, 1831, | aged 89 years.

Was 2d sergeant of the company of minute men under the command of Capt. Timothy Bigelow, which left Worcester, April 19, 1775, and 1st sergeant of the company commanded by Capt. Jonas Hubbard. Selectman, 1803 to 1809 inclusive. As one of the selectmen in 1808 he with his associates on the board, signed a letter to the selectmen of Boston, declining their request that the citizens of Worcester be assembled in town meeting to concur with the sentiments expressed by the inhabitants of Boston in a petition addressed to President Jefferson, praying for the suspension of the Embargo Act.

156. In Memory of | Mrs RUTH HARRINGTON, | wife of | Mr. NATH. HARRINGTON, | who died | August 24, 1817, | aged 69.

Was Ruth Stone. Married July 2, 1776.

157. In Memory of | Mr. | Samuel Harrington, | who died | March 27. 1838, | aged 84 years.

Private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men that marched from Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Representative, 1823.

158. In Memory of | Mrs. SILENCE HARRINGTON, | wife of | Mr. SAMUEL HARRINGTON. | who died | May 17, 1828, | Aged 74.

### Healy.

159. MAJOR | JEDEDIAH HEALY, | Died February 7, 1821, | aged 63 years. | SALLY | his wife died Feb. 1, 1821. | aged 65 years.

He was matross in Capt. David Henshaw's company of Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment of artillery in 1776 and 1777.

A cabinet-maker by trade. He owned and lived on the estate now known as the Burnside estate on Main street. Town sexton for many years. Was a man famous for his dry wit. He married Sarah Stowers, Nov. 28, 1782.

160. JOHN | only son of | Jedediah & Sally Healy | died at Charleston, S. C. | Sept. 17, 1809, | aged 26.

161. In Memory of | Nabby Healy | daugh<sup>r</sup> of | Maj<sup>r</sup> Jedediah | & Mrs. Sally Healy, | who died | April 8, 1796. | Aged 5 months.

162. Sally | eldest daughter of | Jedediah & Sally Healy | died June 25, 1810 | aged 24 years.

Friendship rears this humble \* \* \* \*

### Heard.

163. In Memory of | Mrs. ANNA HEARD | wife of | Dea<sup>n</sup> NATHAN HEARD | who died | May 29. 1807. | Aged 55.

Glory with all her lamps shall burn  
To watch the Christians sleeping clay  
Till the last trumpeth rouse his urn,  
To ade the triumphs of the day.

164. In Memory of | Mrs. | DINAH HEARD | wife of | Dea. Nathan Heard, | died Oct. 5, 1848, | aged 82 years.

165. In Memory of | Deacon NATHAN HEARD | who died | April 28, 1825, | aged 74.

One of the first Deacons of the Second Parish (First Unitarian.)  
Jail keeper from 1798 to 1812. Father of the present Gen. Nathan Heard, now in his 88th year.

166. In Memory of | *Mrs. Sarah Heard*, | wife of | *Dea<sup>c</sup> Nathan Heard* | who died | June 29. 1812. | Æt 48.

### Hemenway.

167. IN | Memory of Lieut<sup>t</sup> | JACOB HEMENWAY | who died Febr 6<sup>th</sup> | 1801, in the | 78<sup>th</sup> year | of his age.

Was lieutenant in a company of forty-three men under command of Capt. Aaron Rice of Rutland who served in the campaign of 1756. He succeeded Capt. Rice on the death of the latter in camp. Was one of the building committee of the Old South Church in

1763, his associates being John Chandler, Jr., Joshua Bigelow, Josiah Brewer, John Curtis, James Putnam, Daniel Boyden, James Goodwin, David Bigelow, Samuel Moore and Elisha Smith. Selectman, 1764. One of the original members of the American Political Society. He lived on what is now May street, on or near the farm now owned and occupied by W. W. Patch.

168. In Memory of | JEFFERY HEMENWAY | who died | August 15, 1819 | aged 82.

Colored. Came to Worcester from Framingham in 1778. Bought of Col. Ebenezer Lovell a small place on what is now May street, where he lived some years. Served in the Revolutionary army, 1780, 81.

169. In Memory of | MRS. MARY HEMENWAY, | relict of | LIEUT Jacob HEMENWAY, | who died | June 27<sup>th</sup> 1802. |  $\text{\AA}$ Et 75.

### **Heyward.**

170. In Memory of | Mr. Stephen Heyward | who died | Jan'y 16 1813 |  $\text{\AA}$ Et 56.

### **Heywood.**

171. In Memory of | Mr. ABEL HEYWOOD. | who died | May 10, 1821, | aged 62.

*Memento mori!*

172. In Memory of Mrs. ABIGAIL HEYWOOD. | wife of | Mr. ABEL HEYWOOD. | who died | June 30. 1818. |  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 58.

Was Abigail Chamberlain. Married April 27, 1780.

173. CAP<sup>t</sup> DANIEL HEYWOOD | Obiit Dec<sup>r</sup> 15, 1809 |  $\text{\AA}$ Etatis 55.

Was private in a company under the command of Lieut.-Col. Benj. Flagg that marched to Hadley on the alarm at Bennington, Aug. 28, 1777.

174. In Memory of | MR DANIEL HEYWOOD | who died | Sept. 4. 1817, |  $\text{\AA}$ Et 55.

175. LAURA ANN | Daughter of | MR ABEL & |  
MRS. OLIVE HEYWOOD, | Died | Jan 31, 1821, | aged  
10 years.

My days were few and I but small,  
But must obey when Christ doth call.

176. MRS MARY HEYWOOD | wife of | Capt  
Daniel Heywood | Obiit Jan'y 9, 1809. | Ætatis 53.

177. In Memory of | MR. PHINEHAS HEYWOOD, |  
who died | April 29, 1821, | aged 76.

Married 1st Kesia, daughter of Jabez Snow of Westboro'. 2d Persis, daughter of Bezaleel Eager and granddaughter of Col. Nahum Ward, March 18, 1777. Was a brother of Judge Benjamin Heywood who was judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Worcester county from 1802 to 1811.

178. In Memory of | Mrs. SALLY HEYWOOD |  
wife of | Mr. Daniel Heywood, | obt. April 1, 1814, |  
Æt. 47. | In Memory of | ASA HEYWOOD | son  
of Mr Daniel | & Mrs. Sally Heywood, Obt. Oct.  
22, 1810, | Æt. 21.

179. SEWALL HEYWOOD. | Obiit Oct. 14,  
1813. | Ætatis 29.

Son of Mr. Daniel Heywood. (No. 174.)

### Hoadly.

180. BENJAMIN | Infant son of | Rev. L. Ives  
Hoadly, | & | Mrs Lydia L. Hoadly | Died | April 15.  
1828, | Aged 5 days.

The Rev. Loammi Ives Hoadley was the first pastor of the Central Church in Worcester, occupying the pulpit there from 1823 to 1829. He married in 1824, Lydia, daughter of Eli Smith of Northfield, Ct., and a sister of Rev. Eli Smith of Beirut, Syria.

### Hubbard.

181. In memory of | JOHN W. HUBBARD Esq. |  
*Attorney at Law,* | who died Sept. 19. 1825. | aged  
32 years.

John W. Hubbard was an adopted son of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Austin, for many years pastor of the Old South Church in Worcester, and nephew of Mrs. Austin, his mother being one of five sisters, all of whom married clergymen, namely: Rev. Samuel Hopkins, D. D., of Hadley; Rev. Samuel Spring, D. D., who was chaplain in the expedition against Quebec in 1775, and father of Rev. Gardner Spring of New York; Rev. Dr. Austin; Rev. Dr. Emmons of Franklin; Rev. Roswell Hubbard (father of John W.); and Rev. Mr. Riddell. John W. Hubbard was born at Brookfield, Vt. Graduated at Dartmouth College, 1814. He studied law with Gov. Van Ness of Burlington, Vt., and also with S. M. Burnside, Esq., of Worcester. Admitted to the bar in 1817, and practiced here until his death. He delivered the 4th of July oration in Worcester in 1811 on the occasion of the celebration by the young men of the town, between the ages of 16 and 21. One of the founders of the Central Church in 1822. He was a promising young lawyer of much ability. He owned an estate on Main street, comprising several acres on each side of what is now Austin street.

### **Johnson.**

182. In memory of | Mr Daniel Johnson Jr. | who died | May 17, 1809. |  $\text{\AE}t.$  33. | also Lamphear son of Mr. | Daniel & Mrs Caty Johnson, | who died June 6, 1808. |  $\text{\AE}t.$  1 year.

183. In Memory of | Mr. NAHUM JOHNSON | Son of | *Capt. Timothy Johnson.* | who died | April 17, 1830. | Aged 32.

184. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH JOHNSON | wife of | Mr. URIEL JOHNSON. | who died | July 22. 1817. | Aged 37.

She married for her first husband a Mr. Ward. Was married to Mr. Johnson, March 5, 1817.

### **Jones.**

185. In memory of | Ens<sup>n</sup> ERASMUS JONES, | who died | Sept. 29, 1811,  $\text{\AE}t.$  27.

186. To the memory of | Col PHINEAS JONES, | died March 22, 1814, | AEt. 66.

Married Katharine Gates, April 21st, 1772. Was sergeant in Capt. David Chadwick's company that marched to Hadley on the alarm at Bennington, Aug. 28, 1777.

Was chief marshal at the military celebration on the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in Worcester, 1789. Selectman, 1796 and 1797. Kept the Old Jones Tavern near New Worcester.

### Kent.

187. In Memory of | Mrs. | DOLLY KENT, | wife of | Mr. Thomas V. Kent, | who died Feb. 19, 1836, | aged 39 years | 7 months | and 21 days. | Also the 20<sup>th</sup> their | Infant daughter | aged 36 hours.

### Kingsbury.

188. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mr. JOSEPH KINGS-BURY, | who died | Feb. 15. 1815, | AEt. 68.

189. ERECTED | in memory of Mrs. | MARGAET KINGSBURY | wife of Mr. Joseph | Kingsbury, who died | March 14<sup>th</sup> 1806, | AE 54 Years.

190. In memory of Mr. Oliver | Kingsbury, formerly of | Con<sup>n</sup> who died Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> | 1809. in the 28<sup>th</sup> Year of his age.

Come hither mortals turn your eye  
Then go thy way prepare to die,  
Consider then that die you must,  
One day like me return to dust.

Was a schoolmaster in Worcester for several years.

### Knight.

191. In Memory of | DANIEL KNIGHT Esq. | Counsellor at Law | Son of Mr. Reuben Knight, | who died at Leicester | Aug. 31 1826. | Aged 35 years.

Endeared by his many amiable qualities | to his friends, one of them as a testimony | of his worth has erected | this monument.

B. U., 1813. Studied law with Levi Lincoln and practiced in Spencer and Leicester.

192. In Memory of | Mr Edward Knight, | who died | Sept. 15. 1819, | aged 69.

In 1774, the town voted Edward Knight the sum of £1. 6s. 8d. for services rendered in secretly conveying with others, four cannon out of Boston. He was a private in Capt. David Chadwick's company that marched to Hadley in August, 1777, to repel Burgoyne's invasion.

193. In Memory of | Mrs. ELIZA P. KNIGHT | Wife of | Mr. Jonathan Knight. | and daughter of Mr. | Tyler & Mrs. Lydia Curtis. | who died | March 26, 1815. | Aged 24.

Jonathan Knight kept a store at Adams Square, which was burned Feb. 15. 1816.

194. In Memory of | Miss Eliz<sup>a</sup> Knight | who died | Jan. 12, 1816, |  $\text{Æt. } 71$ .

### Ladour.

195. In Memory of | Matilda | daughter of | John B. & | Theresa Ladoux | who died | Jan. 18, 1829 | aged 23 months.

### Legg.

196. In memory of | Mr Arba Legg | who died Septem<sup>r</sup> | 5 1819 | aged 24 | years.

### Maccarty.

197. In Memory of | NATHANIEL MACCARTY. Esq. | who died | Oct. 14, 1831, | aged 73.

Son and 12th child of Rev. Thaddeus Maccarty, born July 10, 1758. He was an apprentice in the printing business to Isaiah Thom-

as who was the first printer and also the first postmaster in Worcester, and by him employed to carry the mail to Fitchburg every Wednesday, which was done on horseback. He was for some years a merchant in Petersham, but after acquiring a fortune, he returned to Worcester and resided in a mansion which stood on the site of Brinley Block. He was treasurer of the American Antiquarian Society from 1819 to 1829.

198. In Memory of | Mrs. REBECCA MACCARTY, | Relict of | Nathaniel Maccarty Esq. | who died | December 11, 1836, | aged 56 years.

### Manning.

199. JOSEPH MANNING, | Son of | William Manning, | Died | May 8, 1819, | Aged 22.

### McFarland.

200. BENEATH this stone are | deposited the remains | of ADELINE, daugr of | CAPT. JAMES & MRS. BETSEY | MCFARLAND, who died | Sept. 22, 1800 Aged | two years and 6 months

Snatched from a parent's fond embrace,  
To gaze with joy on Jesus' face.

201. Here lie | The Remains of | Mr. ANDREW MCFARLAND | who died in Barre, | July 22, 1824, | Aged 72. | And of | Mrs. MARY PIERCE, | who died in Rutland, | April 16, 1820, | Aged 60.

Children of William & | Elizabeth McFarland.

202. In Memory of | Mrs. Betsey McFarland, | wife of | Capt James McFarland, | who died | Sept 8. 1805. | aged 48

O cruel Archer Could not one suffice  
Thy shafts flew thrice & thrice my peace was slain.

203. In Memory of | Mrs. ELIZABETH MCFARLAND, | wife of | LIEUT. WILLIAM MCFARLAND | who died | Aug. 24 1803. | AEt. 78.

Amazing grace that kept my breath,  
Nor bid my foul remove,  
Till I had learnt my Saviour's death,  
And well infur'd his love.

Was Elizabeth Browning of Rutland.

204. In Memory of | Mrs. | ESTHER MCFARLAND |  
relict of | Capt. James McFarland | who died | April  
29. 1829, | aged 63 \*\*\*

205. In Memory of MR. JAMES MCFARLAND, | Son  
of Mr. WILLIAM and | MRS. ELISABETH MCFARLAND, |  
who died | March 22. 1801, in the | 35<sup>th</sup> year of his  
age.

To God I now resign my breath,  
And safely walk the vale of death ;  
With Christ I've liv'd, in him I die,  
And pass to immortality.  
Stop my friend & think on me ;  
I once, was in this world like thee  
Now I lie mouldring in the dust  
Hoping to rise amongst the just

206. ERECTED | In Memory of | Lieut. WILLIAM  
MCFARLAND | who departed this life | Jan. 27 1805, |  
Æt. 83. .

Happy the company that's gone  
From crofs to crown, from thrall to throne  
How loud they sing upon the shore,  
To which they failed in heart before !

Was lieutenant in the company of minute men under the company of Capt. Benjamin Flagg, that marched from Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Selectman of the town, 1781, 1782.

### Merifield.

207. ERECTED | In memory of | Mr. Timothy Meri-  
field, | who died | May 6, 1806, | Æt. 68.

This monument erected by his son | Alpheus  
Merifield.

He came from Sherborn to Worcester about 1780, and lived on what was called the Sixth Massachusetts Turnpike running from

Shrewsbury to Holden, Rutland, &c. His son, Deacon Alpheus Merrifield, a carpenter by trade, who died in 1853, was for many years deacon of the Second Church, and one of a committee chosen Nov. 27, 1827, to superintend the erection of their second meeting-house ; also chosen one of a committee to build the third and present edifice. Selectman, 1829 to '32, and secretary of the board of overseers for the poor. He was the father of Wm. T., Alpheus M. and Francis T. of Worcester.

### **Miller.**

208. IN | memory of | Jacob Miller | son of Mr Jacob | & Mrs Polly Miller | *who died* | Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1799 | aged 15 months 15 days.

209. In Memory of | Nancy Miller | daughter of | Mr Jacob & Mrs Polly | Miller who died | Aug 23 1796 | in the 3<sup>d</sup> year of her age.

### **Moore.**

210. In Memory of | Mr | Asa Moore | who died | June 1 1836 | aged 32 years.

211. In Memory of | JOSIAH MOORE. | son of | Mr. William Moore. | who died | Jan. 22 1812. | Aged 22.

212. In memory of | Mary & Hariat Moore, | Daughters of Mr Willm. | & Mrs Mary Moore: | Mary died Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. | 1796 aged 3 years: | Hariat died Sep<sup>t</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>. | 1796 aged 1 year.

213. In memory of | Mrs. MARY MOORE, | wife of | Mr. William Moore, | who died | Dec<sup>r</sup> 24, 1809. | Æt. 41.

214. In Memory of | Mrs. MARY MOORE, | Consort of | MR. SILAS MOORE | who died | Dec. 10 1815. | Aged 76.

215. In Memory of | Mrs. MARY MOORE, | wife of | Mr. WILLARD MOORE, | who died | Feb. 21, 1821, | aged 45.

216. In memory of | Mr. | WILLARD MOORE | who died Feb. 13, 1859, | aged 83 yrs.

Probably the last interment in this ground.

217. In Memory of | Mr. | William Moore, | who died | June 5, 1833, | aged 68 years.

### Mower.

218. ERECTED | In memory of | EPHRAIM MOWER Esq. | who departed this life | Dec. 20, 1810. |  $\text{\AA}et.$  62.

Married Thankful Hersey of Leicester, and kept the hotel which stood near the corner of Main and Mechanic streets on the site now occupied by Clark's Block. Was one of the original founders of the Second Parish Church in Worcester, organized in 1785, and at the first meeting of the members of the parish called for the election of officers in 1789, Mr. Mower was chosen collector. Selectman from 1790 to 1810 inclusive. Representative to the General Court from 1806 to 1810, and Crier of the Courts from 1800 to 1807.

219. In Memory of | Mrs. | Huldah Mower, | wife of | Ephraim Mower, Esq. | who died | March 10. 1828 | in the 82d year | of her age.

220. ERECTED | In memory of | LIEUT JOHN MOWER | who died April 30, 1806, |  $\text{\AA}et.$  81.

All you that read with little care,  
And walk away and leave me here,  
O dont forget that you must die,  
And be entomb'd as well as I.

A signer of the Royalist Protest of 1774. Numbered among the internal enemies by the Committee of Correspondence in May, 1775, and disarmed.

221. In Memory of Mrs. NANCY E. MOWER | Consort of | Capt. EPHRAIM MOWER | who died | Feb 18. 1822, | Aged 30.

Was Nancy Eliza Lovell. Married Aug. 19, 1810.

222. In Memory of | Mrs. | THANKFUL MOWER, |  
relict of | Lieut. John Mower, | who died Feb. 12,  
1836, | In the 94 year | of her age.

"The memory of the just is blessed"

223. SACRED | To the Memory of | Mr. THOMAS  
MOWER, | who departed this life | Sept<sup>r</sup>. 14<sup>th</sup>. 1800. |  
aged 50 years & | 3 months.

### Needham.

224. ERECTED | IN memory of | Miss SARAH NEED-  
HAM | *who died* | Nov 1 1810 | AEt. 21.

### Newton.

225. SACRED | To the Memory of | Mr. | BENJAMIN  
NEWTON. | who died July 3. | 1811. | in the 57th year |  
of his age.

### Parker.

226. JOHN PARKER | aged 91 years | WEL-  
THENA | his wife aged 69 years. | CHARLOTTE  
PARKER | aged 4 years.

227. In | Memory of | Mrs MARY PARKER, | Relict  
of | Doc<sup>t</sup> HENRY PARKER | and daug<sup>t</sup> of | Rev. EBEN<sup>r</sup>  
GROSVENOR. | late Minister of Harvard | who died  
May 8, 1802. | AEt 25.

By adverse fortune overborne I fell,  
An early prey to death's all conqu'ring might;  
But my Redeemer shall this gloom dispel  
And raise me joyful to the world of light.

### Patch.

228. In memory of | Dorothy Patch, | Dau<sup>r</sup> of |  
Mr Henry Patch | and Mrs Hannah | his wife, who  
died | July 18. 1802. | aged 20 y<sup>s</sup>.

229. In memory of | Mrs Hannah Patch | wife of  
Lieut. Joseph Patch, | who died | July 19. 1821 |  
aged 60.

Was Hannah Flagg. Married November, 1782.

230. This | monument is erected | In Memory of  
Mr. | Henry Patch, | who died | April 23, 1814, | Æt.  
56.

Married Hannah Moore, Feb. 8, 1781.

231. In memory of | Lieut. | Joseph Patch, | who  
died | April 8, 1836. | aged 76.

### Phelps.

232. Erected in memory | of | Capt. AZOR  
PHELPS | who died April 2. 1837, | aged 75 years.

"He that believeth in me though he were  
dead, yet shall he live."

233. Erected in memory | of | Mrs. MARY  
PHELPS | wife of | Capt. Azor Phelps. | who died  
October 6, 1814, | aged 53 years.

"So man lieth down and riseth not till the  
Heavens be no more."

Was Miss Mary Tenny of Sutton. Married Nov. 16, 1784.

### Putnam.

234. IN | memory of | Aaron Putnam | son of Mr  
Isaac | & Mrs Martha Putnam | born Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1797 |  
died Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1800 | in ye 3 y<sup>r</sup> | of his age.

235. In Memory of | Benjamin B. Putnam, | son  
of Mr. Abner & | Mrs Nancy Putnam | who died  
Oct<sup>r</sup>. 10 | 1809, aged | 22 months.

236. In Memory | of | MRS. ELIZABETH PUTNAM. |  
Relict of the late | Ebenezer Putnam Esq<sup>r</sup>. | of St.

John New Brunswick | who departed this life | 18<sup>th</sup>  
January 1820 | Aged 50 years.

She was the youngest daughter of the third Judge John Chandler  
who resided in Worcester.

Ebenezer Putnam was son of Hon. James Putnam, the able lawyer  
and royalist refugee. He died in St. John, New Brunswick, in 1798.

237. In Memory of | Ensign | ISAAC PUTNAM |  
who died | April, 23. 1808. | Aged 45.

238. In memory of JAMES PUTNAM | Son of  
Mr. Eben<sup>r</sup> & Mrs Eliz<sup>a</sup> Putnam, | late of St. John,  
New Brunswick. and | Grandson of the Hon. James  
Putnam, | formerly of Worcester | who having gradu-  
ated at Harvard *University* | & commenced a stu-  
dent in Physick, | In this pursuit was arrested | By  
Death, | On the 18 of August 1810 | Æt. 20. | This  
stone is erected by his Mother.

239. In Memory of | Mrs. MARTHA PUTNAM | Rel-  
ict of | Ens<sup>n</sup> Isaac Putnam, | who died | August 24.  
1816. | Æt. 52.

Was Martha Adams, daughter of Charles and Abigail Adams.

240. In Memory of | MARTHA MARI, | *Daugh-*  
*ter of* | Mr. JOEL & Mrs. THANKFUL N. PUTNAM.  
who died | August 1, 1822, | aged 22 months.

241. In Memory of | Mrs. THANKFUL N. PUTNAM,  
wife of | Mr. JOEL PUTNAM, | who died | Oct. 30,  
1822, | aged 32.

Mrs. Putnam was Thankful N. Salter of Shrewsbury.

Joel Putnam was son of Ensign Isaae Putnam.

242. IN | memory of | William Putnam | son of  
Mr | Isaac & M<sup>rs</sup> | Martha Putnam | *who died* | Sept  
30, 1796 | in the 6 y<sup>r</sup> | of his age.

243. In Memory of | WILLIAM PUTNAM, |  
 Son of | Ens. Isaac & Mrs. | Martha Putnam, | who  
 died | Sept. 16, 1822, | aged 23.

Hear! what the voice from Heaven proclaims  
 For all the pious dead.  
 Sweet is the savor of their names,  
 And soft their sleeping bed.

### Ranks.

244. Mr. JOHN RANKS, | died July 7, 1835, |  
 \*\*d 63 years.

245. PERSIS RANKS, | daughter of | Christopher Ranks, | died Jan. 2, 1847, | aged 87 years.

### Read.

246. In Memory of | Deacon EBENEZER READ |  
 who died | May 14, 1823, | in the 82d year of his  
 age.

The memory of the just is blessed.

Came to Worcester from Milford in 1794. His son, Alexander Read, studied medicine with Dr. Nathan Smith, and became a prominent physician at New Bedford, Mass.

247. In Memory of | MRS. MARY READ, | wife of | DEACON Eben<sup>r</sup> Read. | who died Nov<sup>r</sup> 2, 1806 | Æt 63.

The memory of the just is blessed.

248. In Memory of | Miss | SARAH READ |  
 who died | April 7, 1834 | aged 62 years.

249. In Memory of | MISS SYLVIA READ. | daughter  
 of Deacon Eben<sup>r</sup> | & Mrs. Mary Read | who  
 died | Oct<sup>r</sup> 20, 1806 | Æt 36.

### Rice.

250. ELIPHAL RICE, | died Sept. 21, 1845, |  
 aged 83 years.

251. Erected In memory of | M<sup>r</sup>s. Elisabeth Rice, wife of Mr Silas Rice, who deceased | Sept 4, 1797, | in the 43 year of her age. Also In memory of Abraham M. Rice son of Mr Silas & M<sup>r</sup>s Elisabeth Rice who deceased Aug't 5, 1795, | in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

252. ERECTED | in memory of | MR. LEMUEL RICE | Æt. 66, | and | MR LUKE RICE | Æt. 62, | who died within 15 minutes of each other | on May 17 1806. Brothers which were united | in life and not divided in death.

Lemuel Rice was private in Capt. David Chadwick's company that marched to Hadley, Aug. 28, 1777. Jailor from 1788 to 98. His daughter married Benjamin Russell, editor of the Boston "Columbian Centinel."

253. In Memory of | Mary Rice | daug<sup>r</sup> of Mr Lemuel & Mrs Abigail Rice | who died | May 2 1813 | Æt. 38.

254. In Memory of | PARLEY RICE. | Son of | Mr Elijah & | Mrs Patty Rice, | who died | Nov. 14, 1827, | Aged 16.

255. MRS PATTY, | wife of Elijah Rice, | died at Boylston, | Aug. 26. 1842, | aged 53.

Was daughter of Elder Luther Goddard.

256. In Memory of | Mr. | SILAS RICE | who died | May 31, 1835, | Æt. 86 years.

257. *In memory of | Mr | THOMAS RICE, |* who died | Dec. 10, 1837, | Æt. 85.

#### Æsch.

258. SILVIA RICH | Daughter of PETER RICH | died | Nov. 14, 1814, | age 13.

259. Silvia | wife of | Peter Rich | died Sept. 10, 1840 | aged 74 years.

(Stone broken and epitaph missing.)

"Peter Rich (colored) died Oct. 1854, aged 94. Mr. Rich was an honest and industrious citizen. He worked for Mr. Waldo and Gov. Lincoln, and for Messrs Rice and Miller, almost his whole life. . . . He was a mechanic, and when he had a job of ditching to do in water, he would make for himself a pair of wooden boots, which answered a very good purpose."—*Hershey*.

### Richards.

260. In memory of | Dea. David Richards | who died | Jan. 29 1829 | aged 78

Lived on Mechanic street, near Main street, and afterwards purchased the Gates farm next to Capt. Wiswall's. Was private in Capt. Benjamin Flagg's company, April 19, 1775; also in Capt. David Chadwick's company, Aug. 28, 1777. Deacon of the Old South Church from 1801 to 1829.

261. In memory of | Mrs. Rebecca Richards | wife of | Deacon David Richards | who died | Oct 13 1834 | aged 82.

### Robbins.

262. In Memory of | LUCY | wife of | Amos Robbins | DIED | April 11. 1849. | Ag'd 50 yrs.

Here lies our Mother,  
The dearest friend we ever found,  
But through the Lord's unbounded love,  
May we meet her in realms above.

### Rogers.

263. In memory of | MRS. SALLY ROGERS, | wife of | HENRY ROGERS | Obit June 6, 1812 | Æt 18.

### Shepard.

264. DANIEL GARDNER | son of | Daniel & Cynthia Shepard | died Oct. 18, 1826, | in the 12<sup>th</sup> year | of his age.

**Smith.**

265. In memory of | MR. CHARLES SMITH | who died | Sept. 4, 1820 | AEt. 24.

**Stearns.**

266. In Memory of | Mr. CHARLES STEARNS, | who died Nov. 17, 1828, | Aged 81.

Was tavern keeper at New Worcester.

267. In memory of Mr. | THOMAS STEARNS | *who departed this life* | March 26<sup>th</sup> 1811 in his 40<sup>th</sup> year.

Affliction sore long time I bore  
Physicians were in vain  
Till God saw fit to do no more  
But eas'd by death my pain

**Stowell.**

268. Erected To the Memory of | LIEUT BENJ<sup>a</sup>  
STOWELL, | who died | August 6, 1803. | AEt. 73.

Beneath this stone deaths prisone lies,  
The stone shall move, the prisone rise,  
When Jesu with almighty word,  
Calls his dead saints to meet their Lord.

Was lieutenant in Capt. Johnson's company which served under Gen. Amherst in the campaign of 1759. Selectman, 1777.

269. In Memory of | Mrs CATY STOWELL. | wife of | Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> | Stowell, | who died May 12, | 1815, .  
AEt. 44.

Was Caty Bixby. Married April 17, 1792.

270. ERECTED | In Memory of | MR. DAVID STOWELL, | who died | Octr. 3, 1802, | AEt. 29.

271. In Memory of | Eliza Stowell | daug<sup>t</sup> of Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> & | Mrs. Caty Stowell, | who died | July 4, 1809.  
aged 9 months | 19 days.

272. In Memory of MRS ELIZABETH STOWELL | Wife of | Lieut. BENJ STOWELL, | who died | March 26, 1821, | AEt. 88.

Was Elizabeth Parker of Framingham. Married Oct. 23, 1755.

273. In Memory of | Mr. PALMER STOWELL | who died | Oct 18, 1820, | aged 24.

Death is a debt to nature due  
Which I have paid and so must you

274. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS | Only son of | Mr. WIL-  
LIAM STOWELL | was drowned May 19. 1827, | aged 6  
years & 4 months

Tis hard to lose the little pledge of love,  
So interesting innocent and fair  
But the firm hope that he is blest above  
Console the bosom agonized with care

### Sutton.

275. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH SUTTON | wife of | Mr. THOMAS SUTTON | who died | March 28, 1821, | aged 26.

### Taylor.

276. ERECTED | in memory of | Mrs. LOIS TAY-  
LOR | wife of Mr. William | Taylor, who died |  
Nov<sup>r</sup>. 10<sup>th</sup> 1805, in | the 70 Year of | her age.

Was Lois Whitney of Leicester. Married Aug. 24, 1754.

### Thomas.

277. The Thomas Tomb, standing near the  
. Northwest corner of this burial ground, was constructed in 1817  
at an expense of several thousand dollars. It is substantially built  
of massive blocks of stone, the interstices having been originally filled  
with type metal. On the door of slate is the inscription : •

### ISAIAH THOMAS.

BUILT 1817.

Isaiah Thomas was born in Boston. Jan, 19, 1749. In early  
childhood he was bound apprentice to Zachariah Fowle, a printer,  
with whom he served eleven years. At the age of 17, he went to  
Halifax, N. S., where he was placed in charge of the "Halifax  
Gazette" in which he boldly criticised the government measures then  
in progress for the taxation of the colonists. He afterwards went to

Portsmouth, N. H., and Charleston, S. C., and returned to Boston in 1770, where he began, in partnership with his old master, Zachariah Fowle, the publication of *The Massachusetts Spy*. Thomas soon after, within a few months, assumed the sole management of this paper, which became, in the course of succeeding events, the organ of the Patriot cause. His boldness in giving expression to his sentiments and the tone of the articles published in his paper, soon brought him into difficulty with the officers of the Government, and subjected him to much persecution. Affairs assuming a serious aspect, he in April, 1775, with the assistance of Joseph Warren and Timothy Bigelow, moved his press and types to Worcester, where he resumed the publication of the *Spy*, maintaining it through the period of the Revolution under many difficulties. He was appointed, in 1775, the first postmaster of the town, an office he held for more than twenty-five years. After the war, he entered extensively into the printing and publishing business in Worcester and elsewhere; and most of the bibles and school-books as well as many standard works published at that time in the United States, emanated from his establishment. He had at one time eight book-stores in various parts of the country, and published three weekly newspapers and one monthly magazine. He also engaged in the manufacture of paper, erecting for that purpose a mill at Quinsigamond. (Succeeded by Elijah Burbank, see note to inscription, No. 33.) He retired permanently from business in 1802. He was the founder and first president of the American Antiquarian Society and a liberal patron of that institution. His valuable History of Printing, recently re-published, forms volumes v. and vi. of the Transactions of that Society.

Mr. Thomas married three times. His first wife whom he married in 1769, was Mary, daughter of Joseph Dill of Bermuda. She was the mother of his two children, Mary Anne and Isaiah. He married 2d, Mrs. Mary Fowle, who died in 1818. His third wife was Miss Rebecca Armstrong of Roxbury.

Isaiah Thomas, died April 4, 1831.

### Town.

278. \*\*\*\*\* | Daughter of | Elisha & Mary Town |  
died Sept. 18, 1810 | aged 16.

**Trowbridge.**

279. Mrs. ACHSAH | wife of | Dea. | Wm. Trowbridge | died Nov. 13, 1847, | aged 88 years.

Our dear mother.

280. In memory of | Mr JAMES TROWBRIDGE | who died July 21, 1806 | in the 90 year | of his age.

He married Lydia Ward.

281. In Memory of | Deacon | WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE | who died | Sept. 30, 1833, | aged 82.

When sixteen years old, he was private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men; also private in Capt. Jonas Hubbard's company; also private in Col. Thomas Crafts' regiment of artillery. Deacon of the Second Church for twenty years from 1807. He was a nephew of Edmund Trowbridge of Newton, successively attorney-general and chief justice of Massachusetts from 1749 to 1775.

**Tucker.**

282. In Memory of | of MR. BENJAMIN TUCKER, | born at Leicester | Jany 23. A.D. 1734 O.S. | died | Sep<sup>r</sup> 13 A.D. 1806. | Æt. LXXIII.

An honest man is the noblest work of God :

283. Such was | ENOS TUCKER, | To whose memory this | Stone is erected, | he died June 19. 1822, | in the 56 year | of his age.

Son of Benjamin Tucker of Leicester, and a harness-maker by trade. He and his wife were among the original members of the First Baptist Church in Worcester, and he was a member of the Building Committee to erect their first house of worship.

284. In Memory of | Mrs. MARTHA TUCKER | Relict of | MR. BENJAMIN TUCKER, | Born at Roxbury | Dec. 28, 1730, | Died at Worcester | Nov. 3, 1820, | Æt. XC.

285. MARY daug<sup>r</sup> | of Mr. Enos & | Mrs. Mary Tucker | who died | Jan 15 1811, | aged 3 years.

So faids the lovely blooming flower  
Frail smiling solace of an hour  
So soon our transient comforts fly  
And pleasure only blooms to die

286. In Memory of | MARY | wife of Enos Tucker, | who died | July 10, 1851 | in the 83d year | of her age.

*Farewell mother.*

### Tufts.

287. In Memory of | Mrs. Lucy Tufts, | Wife of | Mr. WALTER TUFTS, | who died | March 9, 1824, | in the 57th year | of her age.

288. In Memory of | Miss REBECAH TUFTS, | who died | Sept. 18, 1821, | in the 28 year | of her age.

289. In Memory of | MR. WALTER TUFTS, | who died | July 19, 1806, | in the 40 year | of his age.

### Ward.

290. ERECTED | In memory of | MR. ASA WARD JR. | who died Oct<sup>r</sup> 29 1817 in | the 39 year of his | age.

Retire my friends dry up your tears  
I must lie here till Christ appears.

He married Sally White, April 3, 1802.

291. In memory of | Mr. ASA WARD, | who died | June 27. 1818. |  $\text{Æt. } 70.$

He was a member of the American Political Society, and it was at his house that this society was organized Dec. 27, 1773. Private in Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men, April 19, 1775. He was father of Artemas Ward, register of deeds from 1821 to 1846.

292. In Memory of | Mrs. HANNAH WARD | wife of | Mr Asa Ward, | who died | August 24, 1814, |  $\text{Æt. } 78.$

Was Hannah Heywood, widow of the first Abel Heywood, and formerly Hannah Goddard of Brookline.

293. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mr. PHINEAS WARD, | who died | Nov<sup>r</sup> 20, 1808. |  $\text{Æt. } 79.$

Private in the company of minute men under the command of Capt. Timothy Bigelow, which left Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Also in the company under the command of Capt. Jonas Hubbard in service, near Boston, three months, the same year.

294. SARAH WARD, | daughter of | Asa Ward Jr. | died Oct. 31, 1847, | aged 44 years.

#### **Warden.**

295. IN | memory of | M<sup>rs</sup> Miriam Warden, | wife of | M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Warden, | who died | Aug<sup>t</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1797 | aged 61 years.

#### **Webb.**

296. In Memory of | Mr. ADRIAN WEBB | who died Feb. 7. 1830. | aged 62 years: | and of | Mrs. HARRIET RACHEL, | his wife. | who died Nov. 13. 1840. | aged 70 years.

Was a barber, having a shop in a building owned by Mr. Isaiah Thomas, then situated on Court Hill.

#### **Wheeler.**

297. In Memory of | Harrison | son of Mr. Reuben | & Mrs. Sally Wheeler. | who died | Aug 23 1813 | aged 13 months | 19 days.

#### **White.**

298. Austin S. son | of Austin & | Rebecca White | died Oct. 7, 1843 |  $\text{Æ. } 2 \text{ y's \& } 2 \text{ m}$

299. In | memory of | M<sup>rs</sup> Eliza White | *who died* | Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1798.

300. In Memory of | MAJOR JOHN WHITE, | who died | Febr 2<sup>d</sup> 1797. | aged 51 years.

Retire my friends dry up your tear  
I must lie hear till Christ appears

Mementor mori

301. In Memory of | LOIS WHITE | daug. of Mr. Nathan | & Mrs. Eunice White, | who died | Aug. 6. 1814. | Æt. 25.

302. In Memory of | Mr. PETER WHITE | who died | August 8, 1814, | Æt. 31.

303. In Memory of | PETER WHITE, | Son of | Mr. Peter & | Mrs Sally White. | who died | March 9. 1832, | Aged 18.

304. In Memory of | Mrs. SARAH WHITE, | wife of Maj. JOHN WHITE, | who died | Feb. 23. 1820, | Æt. 79.

### Whitney.

305. In Memory of | Mrs. | ABIGAIL WHITNEY | relict of | Capt. Josh. Whitney, | who died Oct. 5, 1838, | aged 94 years.

Was Abigail Wood of Rutland. Married March 13, 1797.

306. ERECTED | In memory of | CAP<sup>t</sup> JOSHUA WHITNEY, | who died | May 7 1809 | Æt. 72.

Sweet were the hopes that cheer'd his soul,  
Those hopes by God were given.  
And tho' his body sleeps in dust  
His soul ascends to Heaven.

He lived on what is now Millbury street, opposite the head of the present Cambridge street. Was captain of a train band, and was active in drilling and furnishing men for the revolutionary army.

An original member of the American Political Society. Was one of a committee appointed by the town, May 16, 1774, to report instructions to be observed by Mr. Joshua Bigelow, the Representative to the General Court.

307. IN | memory of | Mrs Mary Whitney | *wife of* |  
 Capt Joshua Whitney | *who died July 4 | 1796 in ye*  
*56 y<sup>r</sup> | of her age.*

Friends & Physicians could not fave,  
 My mortal body from ye grave;  
 Nor can ye grave confine me here;  
 When Christ shall call me to appear.

### Wight.

308. In Memory of | Miss. CLARISSA WIGHT, |  
*daughter of | Mr. OLIVER WIGHT, | died | Sept. 29,*  
*1818, | aged 24.*

If innocence & worth, united in a  
 lovely form of youth  
 Demand the tribute of a tear,—It may be  
 shed for her who  
 slumbers here.

### Willard.

309. In Memory of | *Lieut. Isaac Willard | who*  
*died | Dec. 26, 1805, | AE. 80.*

310. In Memory of | Mrs. LUCY WILLARD. | wife  
 of | Mr. ARCHIBALD WILLARD. | who died | March 24.  
 1822, | aged 20 years 5 months, | & 24 days

Was Lucy Ranks. Married March 22, 1821.

Archibald Willard who died Oct. 9, 1848, kept a hotel just east  
 of the corner of Pleasant and Mower streets, and on the north side  
 of the road (Pleasant street,) for some eighteen years previous to his  
 death.

311. In Memory of | Mrs. MERCY WILLARD | *Rel-*  
*ict of | Lieut. Isaac Willard, | who died | July 26,*  
*1813, | AEt. 67.*

### Williams.

312. FRANCIS | Son of Mr. Montague | & Mrs.  
 Chloe Williams. | Died | Feby 4, 1814. | Aged 4 years

313. ERECTED | In memory of | Mrs Nabby Wil-  
 liams | *wife of Mr. James Williams. | who died |*  
*Feby. 1, 1811. | AEt. 36.*

### Willington.

314. In Memory of | Mr. TYLOR WILLINGTON, |  
who died | July 26. 1821, | aged 42.

He married Lucretia Gleason, Nov. 12, 1801.

315. In Memory of | TYLOR PUTNAM, | only  
son of | Mr. Tyler & Mrs. | Lucretia Willington | who  
died | Nov. 2, 1821, | aged 2 years.

### Wilson.

316. ELIZA | Daughter of | JAMES & SARAH WIL-  
SON, | Ob. 23<sup>rd</sup> March | 1804. Æt. 10 days.

The Flight of Hope survey  
Of restless Hope forever on the wing  
High perch'd o'er ev'ry thought.

317. ERECTED | IN memory of | Mrs. Sarah Wil-  
son, | wife of | Mr. Hugh Wilson & | daug<sup>r</sup> of | Dea<sup>c</sup>  
William Trowbridge, | who departed this life IN |  
firm hopes of a better, Sept. | 26, AD. 1813. | Æt. 33.

### Wise.

318. W<sup>m</sup> Wise

This name was found on a footstone.

### Wiswell.

319. In Memory of | Capt. EBENEZER WISWELL, |  
who died | Jan. 20, 1822. | aged 67.

"Through life's mysterious vale, from day to day,  
Man, wretched pilgrim journeys on his way.  
While but a little onward hangs the gloom  
That hides the solemn precincts of the tomb.

A member of Capt. Timothy Bigelow's company of minute men which left Worcester on the alarm at Lexington, April 19, 1775. Private in a company under the command of Capt. Jonas Hubbard in service near Boston in the same year. Corporal in Capt. William Gates' company in Col. Jonathan Holman's regiment in the Continental army. He married Sally Mahan of Boylston, Dec. 25, 1792.

### Woodburn.

320. ERECTED | In Memory of | Mr Samuel Woodburn. | who died | March 11, 1803. | AEt. 80.

He for many years occupied the Hancock estate on Lincoln street. The mansion stood on the site of the present fine residence of Philip L. Moen. Thomas Hancock formerly owned this property, but at his death about 1764, he bequeathed it to his nephew Gov. John Hancock. Previous to about 1781 at which time Gov. Levi Lincoln purchased the estate, Mr. Woodburn kept the mansion open as a boarding-house to accommodate the judges, officers and attendants during court sessions. He was one of the original members of the Political Society in 1774.

### Worcester.

321. IN | Memory of | Leonard Worcester son of | Mr Leonard & | Mrs Elizabeth | Worcester, | died July 1st | 1795 aged | six months.

This was the first interment in this ground.

Leonard Worcester, senior, was a printer, and was associated with Isaiah Thomas in the printing of books, and the publication of the Massachusetts Spy. Deacon of the Old South Church from 1797 to 1801. Afterwards became a minister, and settled in Peacham, Vt.

That Worcester has furnished many true and noble patriots, men with broad intellects and high aspirations, our printed roll will attest. There the family names of persons may be found who sacrificed home, property, and even life, for the sake of principle—those who were ready to assert the right, and dared to maintain it by argument, and with the force of arms if need be. The patronymic of many of the prominent families of our land are to be seen among the list. Adams, Andrew, Allen, Bigelow, Chandler, Curtis, Flagg, Gates, Lincoln, Lovell, Paine, Putnam, Rice, Thomas, Ward, Wheeler, are names closely identified with the protracted struggle with the Indians

during the early settlement of this section of our country, the French war, and still later in the long and fierce contest with the mother country for our National Independence, and also with those civil strifes and contentions out of which grew so noble a governmental structure.

Among the persons found to be without monuments in the Mechanic Street Ground, at the time of the transcription, were those of the Allen family occupying lot No. 53. Here were deposited the bodies of Hon. Joseph Allen, Dorothy his wife, and their daughter Maria who died in 1826, aged 26 years, a young lady of rare intellectual tastes and accomplishments, possessing a sweet disposition and a generous heart, justly beloved by all who knew her. Also their children, Elizabeth, Charles and James, all of whom died young.\*

HON. JOSEPH ALLEN. Born in Boston. Sept. 2, 1749. His father was James Allen, a merchant tailor, who married the sister of Samuel Adams. Was educated in the schools of Boston. In 1771, he entered into business in Leicester, and in the preliminary movements of the Revolution was a firm and ardent whig. He removed to Worcester in 1776, and succeeded Levi Lincoln, senior, as clerk of the courts, which office he held for thirty-three years. In 1779, he was chosen by the town a committee to consider and report such resolutions as they deemed proper to be passed relative to the appreciation of the currency. In May, 1783, he was a member of a committee appointed to draw up an expression of the sentiment of the town in relation to absentees and refugees. Was chosen a member of the 11th Congress to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hon. Jabez Upham, declining at the same time a nomination to the 12th Congress. Was a member of the Convention to frame the constitution of Massachusetts in 1779-80, and one of the secretaries of that body. Member of the Executive Council from 1815 to 1818, and twice a member of the Electoral College of Massachusetts. One of the founders of the Leicester Academy. He married Dorothy

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\* Rev. George Allen, also a son of Hon. Joseph Allen, born Feb. 1st, 1792. Graduate of Yale College, 1813. Studied theology with Rev. Dr. Andrew Yates in Union College, and ordained minister in Shrewsbury, Nov. 19, 1823, a colleague with Rev. Dr. Joseph Sumner, and after his death, Mr. Allen was sole pastor until 1839, after which for nearly twenty years he officiated as chaplain at the State Lunatic Hospital in Worcester in which city he now resides in the 86th year of his age. The compilers of this work are indebted to him for many suggestions and much valuable information.

Kingsbury of East Hartford, Connecticut. She died May, 1802. He died Sept. 2, 1827, aged 78. No monument was ever erected over his remains.

SAMUEL ALLEN, Senior, brother of Hon. Joseph Allen was born in Boston and came to Worcester in 1776. He received his education at the Latin School in Boston under the celebrated Master John Lovell. He married for his first wife, Elizabeth Honeywood, daughter of Dr. John Honeywood of Leicester, an Englishman by birth and education, and a surgeon in the American army of the Revolution. Dr. Honeywood was father of St. John Honeywood who graduated at Yale College in 1782, and author of a volume of Poems, one of which was famous in its day, entitled "Darby and Joan." Mrs. Honeywood, (the Dr's wife,) was daughter of Hon. Thomas Steele of Leicester, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Worcester County. For his second wife, Mr. Allen married a daughter of Gen. Timothy Newell of Sturbridge. He was for forty-nine years, from 1781 to 1830, Treasurer for Worcester County, often receiving every vote in the county for that office. He died Dec. 26, 1830, aged 73.

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The following were buried in the Mechanic Street Ground, and afterwards removed to other Cemeteries :

FRANCIS BLAKE, one of the most distinguished lawyers of his time. Born in Rutland, Mass. A graduate of Harvard College 1789. He studied law with the Hon. John Sprague of Lancaster, and was admitted to the bar in 1794. Practiced in Rutland, and removed to Worcester in 1802. State Senator, 1810-11. Clerk of the Courts, 1816 to his death. He delivered Fourth of July orations in Worcester, in 1796 and 1812, which were printed. He possessed all the qualifications of the true orator. His body was removed from the Mechanic Street Ground to Rural Cemetery, where may be seen on the original stone, the inscription

FRANCIS BLAKE

Born Oct. 14, 1774

Died Feb. 23, 1817.

*Nostræ Eloquentia Forensis Facile Princeps.*

LEVI LINCOLN, SEN., was son of Enoch Lincoln of Hingham. Their ancestor, Samuel, came from Hingham, County of Norfolk, England, in 1627. Levi learned the trade of blacksmith. Afterwards entered Harvard University, and graduated in 1772. Studied law with Daniel Farnham, Esq., of Newburyport and Maj. Joseph Hawley of Northampton. In April, 1775, he marched as a volunteer with the minute men to Cambridge, and soon afterwards came to Worcester. Was a member of many important local revolutionary committees. Was appointed Clerk of the Courts in 1776. Judge of Probate from 1777 to 1781. In 1779, was designated to prosecute the claims of the government to the estates of the refugees confiscated under the Absentee Act. Delegate to the convention in Cambridge for framing a State Constitution. Elected in 1781 representative to the Continental Congress, but declined. Representative to the General Court in 1796. Member of the State Senate in 1797. About this time he wrote a series of papers called "Farmer's Letters," in opposition to the Administration of John Adams. In 1800, he was elected a member of the seventh Congress. In 1801, he was appointed by President Jefferson, Attorney General of the United States, which office he held for nearly four years. In 1806, he was elected a member of the Council of Massachusetts. Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, 1807-1808, and on the decease of Gov. Sullivan in 1808, he discharged the duties of chief magistrate for the unexpired term. He was again elected councillor in 1810 and in 1811. In 1811, he was offered the position of associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States by President Madison, but declined the honor. He was an original member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences, and long at the head of the Massachusetts bar. His sons, Levi and Enoch, were Governors of States, and another son, William, was the historian of Worcester. Born May 5th, 1749. Died April 14th, 1820, aged 71.

His remains were removed to Rural Cemetery.

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CORRECTION.—In note under No. 17, page 19, last line, in place of "Thomas Jr. of Charlestown," read James Barber.

The following inscription was taken from a stone now standing in a field near Nelson Place in the northern part of the city, in which locality once stood the pest house :

Memento mori.

In Memory of | Mrs Elizabeth Blake | wife of | Mr Increase Blake | who died | of small pox | Nov<sup>r</sup> ye  
22<sup>d</sup> AD. 1792, | aged 61 years.

The sweet remembrance of the just  
Shall flourish when they sleep in dust.

She was Elizabeth Bridge, and the second wife of Mr. Increase Blake, his first wife having been Ann Crafts of Boston, where she died. Mr. Blake was born in Boston, Oct. 28, 1726, and moved to Worcester just after the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was a tin plate worker, having a shop or store in Boston on King street, now State street, and because of his refusal to make canteens for the royal troops was driven from the place. He found refuge in Worcester, where he continued at his trade, having a shop near Lincoln Square. He died Feb. 28, 1795.

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At the time of making the excavations for Mr. Jonathan Grout's Block on Main Street, opposite Elm Street, June 8th, 1870, a slab was found bearing the following inscription :—"Here lies the body of Elizabeth Willard, wife of Jonathan Willard, who died July 4, 1720, aged 38 years." She is said to have been the daughter of John and Mary (Hapgood) Whitney of Framingham. Her husband resided at what is now South Worcester. Remnants of tombstones have at other times been found near this locality. But it is a matter of conjecture whether interments were ever made on this spot or not.

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## ADDENDUM

TO THE

Inscriptions from the Old Burial Grounds

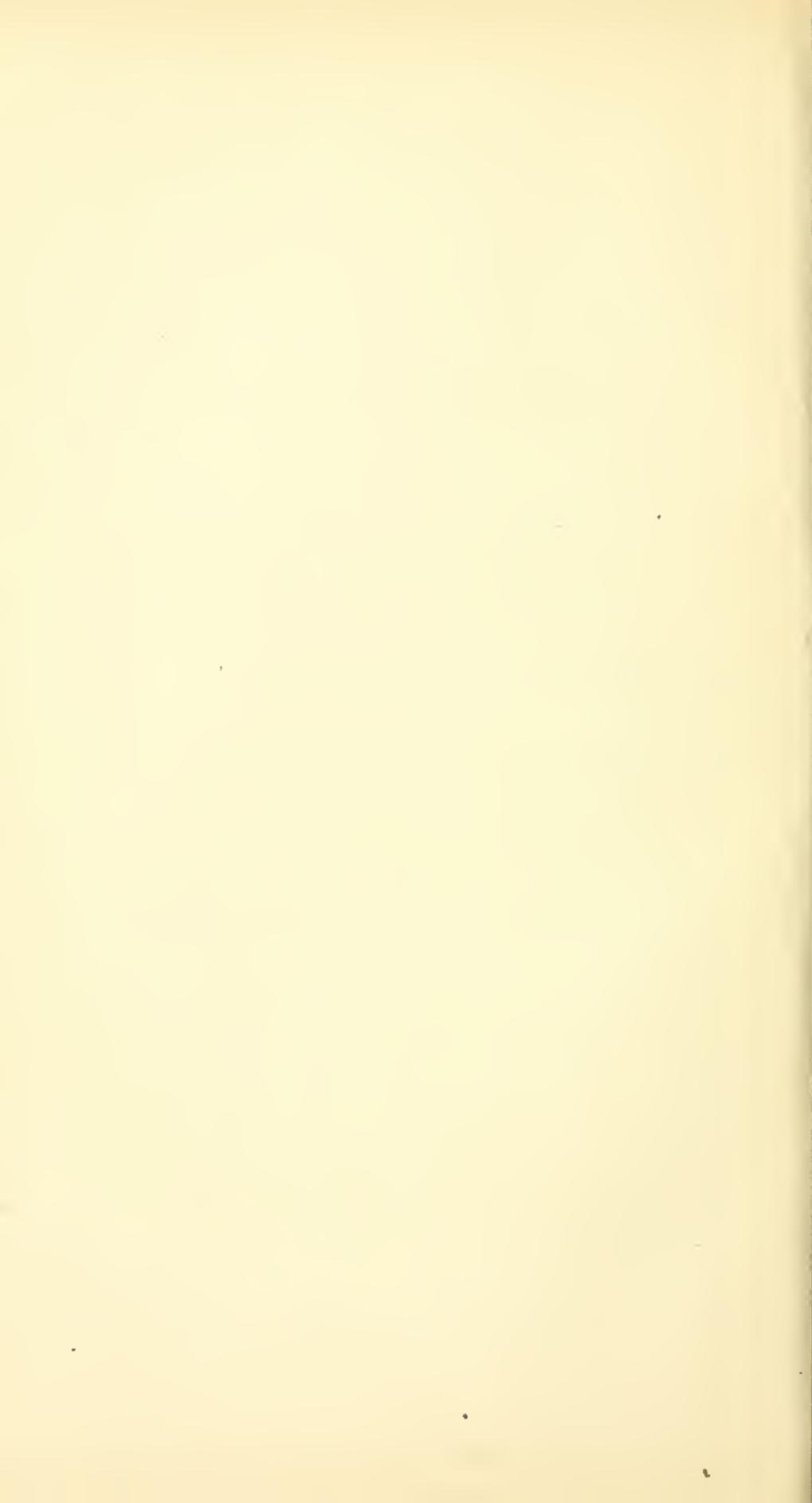
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WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

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1879.

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## EXPLANATORY PREFACE.

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The very generous appreciation with which the publication of the *INSCRIPTIONS FROM THE OLD BURIAL GROUNDS IN WORCESTER* was received, has given the Society encouragement to issue a supplement to that portion relating to the Mechanic Street Ground. Little did we realize, at the time those records were transcribed, that within so short a period, that historic spot would be called upon to give up its dead ; but in this rapid current of progress and improvement even the sanctity of the tomb or the sacred ashes of the dead present no check to the onward rushing tide. The fancied public needs must be supplied, even at the cost of desecrating the graves of our fathers.

It had been proposed to extend Foster Street along the northern border of this cemetery ; but, as is often the case in dealing with perplexing questions, there was a sudden change in affairs. At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held February 17th, 1877, the following was passed :

"ORDERED, that the Mayor, in behalf of the Board, be authorized to concur with the relators in the petition for mandamus now pending in court, or with their counsel, in obtaining the legislation necessary to allow the construction of the extension of Foster Street substantially as provided in the plans submitted by Mr. Barnard and Mr. Nelson, instead as now provided by law."

This change as agreed upon by the passage of the above order, made the street run diagonally through the burial ground, and although a strong effort was put forth in opposition to this relocation, yet nothing could shake the determination of the friends of the scheme ; and this home of the dead must be sacrificed.

May 7th, 1877, the City Council adopted the following :

"ORDERED, that a joint special committee be appointed to report to the City Council as soon as may be, what arrangements can be made to remove the bodies from that part of the Mechanic Street Burying Ground which will be taken by the extension of Foster Street, and whether it is advisable to remove the bodies from other parts of said burying ground, and if so, what arrangements can be made therefor."

That committee was composed of Mayor C. B. Pratt; Aldermen Samuel D. Harding and George P. Kendrick; President of the Council, George E. Boyden; and Councilmen Ellery B. Crane, Thomas Monahan and Albert A. Lovell. After a careful consideration of all matters in point, they made a report recommending that all the bodies be removed, which was accepted by the City Council, July 16th, 1877, and the following order adopted :

"ORDERED, that the Joint Special Committee appointed under an order of the City Council, adopted May 7th, current, to see what arrangements can be made to remove the bodies from the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause all the bodies to be removed from said burial ground to such place or places as may be provided by those having friends interred there or as the committee may think fit and proper, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the construction of Foster Street when the same shall be made. Estimated expense not to exceed four thousand dollars."

Still there was such a strong feeling of aversion existing in the City Council towards constructing that street, that the season passed by, and with the opening of the new year, a new city government came into power; and on finding that there was no escape, the order of the court must be obeyed. The following was adopted February 18th, 1878 :

"ORDERED, that a Joint Special Committee be appointed, with instructions to report as soon as convenient what action can be taken in relation to obtaining more land for the enlargement of Hope Cemetery and on what terms it can be obtained; and that said committee be and that they are hereby authorized to make contracts for and to take such action as they deem proper to remove the bodies from Mechanic Street Burial Ground, or such portions thereof as may be necessary for the construction of Foster Street extension, the expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for the extension of Foster Street, when the same shall be made."

This committee was composed of William Dickinson and Henry A. Marsh on the part of the Board of Aldermen; Albert A. Lovell, Ellery B. Crane and Frank E. Lancaster on the part of the Coun-

cil; and subsequently the Mayor, Charles B. Pratt, and George E. Boyden, President of the Council were added to the committee.

The contract for removing the remains was awarded to Messrs. George Sessions & Sons, experienced undertakers, and under their superintendence 1116 bodies were taken up and deposited in other places of burial, most of them in the lot provided by the City at Hope Cemetery.

In the former publication 330 names of persons buried in the Mechanic Street Ground were printed. The Committee present in the following pages the record of 100 more. These additional names and dates were obtained from coffin plates, from head stones which had been overlooked in the previous survey or were found buried beneath the surface, and from friends and relatives of the deceased who visited the ground in search of their remains. The Committee gave personal attention to this work, using great care in the authentication of the information thus obtained, and it is believed that the work will be found tolerably free from defect.

To render this publication, to a specified time, complete, the record of deaths in Worcester from 1717 to 1825,—omitting, of course, the names which appear in the Inscriptions,—has been copied from the books in the office of the City Clerk, and is here-with supplied.

This Addendum is paged continuously with the book of Inscriptions issued last year, and is intended to be bound with it. At the end will be found an Index of names to the entire work.

\*.\* The Numbers given in the Notes in the following pages, refer, unless otherwise stated, to the Mechanic Street Inscriptions in the body of the work.

## Additional Names and Inscriptions

FOUND IN

# THE BURIAL GROUND ON MECHANIC STREET.

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### Adams.

1. Harriet Adams, aged 12.

She was the daughter of Rufus Adams. (No. 4.)

### Allen.

2. Abigail Allen.

Sister of the wife of Reuben Knight, and was buried in his lot.

3. Elizabeth Allen, died May 13th, 1795, aged 9 years.

4. Miss Maria Allen, aged 33 years. Died May 20th, 1826.

The last two were daughters of Hon. Joseph Allen. Elizabeth must have been the first person buried in this ground instead of Leonard Worcester, Jr., as was stated on page 120. Her death occurred some six weeks before his.

5. Richard Allen, died August 30, 1839, a. 66.

Buried in Leonard Worcester's lot.

**Bigelow.**

6. Augusta Bigelow, born 1808, died 1842.

Daughter of Silas Bigelow. (No. 17.) She was a teacher in the South; was shipwrecked on her return home, and contracted the sickness of which she died.

**Biscoe.**

7. Esther Biscoe, d. 1826, a. 90.

Buried in Willard Moore's lot.

**Blackman.**

8. In memory of Mrs. Fidelity Blackman, born on Long Island. Aged 80. Mother of Isaiah Thomas. Died Jan. 14, 1798.

The stone from which the above was copied, was placed over a receptacle in the Thomas tomb containing the remains of Mrs. Blackman. Her maiden name was Grant.

**Brooks.**

9. Mrs. Hannah Brooks, a. 96. Dec. 6, 1819.

**Caldwell.**

10. Charlotte Caldwell, d. Aug. 1805, a. 4-.

Wife of Sheriff Caldwell and sister of Francis Blake.

11. John W. Caldwell, d. June 18, 1804, a. 23.

Son of Sheriff Caldwell. Another son, Joseph Blake Caldwell, died 1813.

12. William Caldwell, d. July 5, 1805, a. 52.

Was High Sheriff of Worcester County from 1793 to 1805. Some time before his death, in consequence of ill health and mental depression, he attempted suicide, and was found by his son on Frost Hill, with his throat cut. He recovered from the wound but died a short time after.

**Casey.**

13. Mr. Benjamin F. Casey, a. 24, d. May 15, 1828

### Chandler.

**14. Clark Chandler, d. 1804.**

Town Clerk 1768 to 1775. He was loyalist in the Revolution; was imprisoned for a time, but, on account of failing health, was released and allowed to reside in Lancaster. While Town Clerk he entered upon the records a protest of the tories against the proceedings of the whigs and caused the same to be published in the Boston newspapers. This record his indignant townsmen compelled him to obliterate in open meeting, which he did by dipping his fingers in ink and drawing them over the page. After the Revolution he returned to Worcester, where he resided until his death.

**15. N. C. (Nathaniel Chandler) AEt. 51. 1801.**

Nathaniel Chandler was son of Col. John Chandler and was born in Worcester, Nov. 6, 1750. He was early a pupil of the elder President Adams when he kept school in Worcester, who was wont to speak of his scholar as possessing fine abilities. He afterwards was under the tutorship of Rev. Mr. Harrington of Lancaster and graduated at Harvard University in 1768. He studied law with James Putnam and was called to the Bar in 1771. At the breaking out of hostilities, he joined the English, and for a time commanded a corps of volunteers in the British service in New York. From New York he went to England; returned to this country in 1784, and engaged extensively in mercantile business in Petersham, Mass. This he relinquished on account of ill health and removed to Worcester, where he died March 7, 1801.

### Clements.

**16. Adaline Clements.**

Daughter of Moses and Sarah Clements, d. Dec. 17, 1850, a. 48

**17. Moses Clements.**

Born in Haverhill, Mass., in 1748. Came to Worcester in 1814 and purchased the Moore estate at South Worcester, afterwards owned by Deacon Nathaniel Brooks, where he died, April 8, 1815.

**18. In memory of Nathan W., son of Mr. Moses & Mrs. Beulah Clements, who died \*\*\*\* 10, 1816.**

Son of Moses Clements, Jr., who married Beulah Trowbridge, and grandson of the preceding. He was drowned at New Worcester. (See No. 64.)

**19. Sarah Clements, wife of Moses Clements, Sr.**

She was Sarah Bailey of West Newbury, Mass. Died Oct. 12, 1841, aged 83 years.

**Clough.**

**20 Charles William Clough, d. 1861.**

Colored. Grandson of Peter Rich, Sr.

**Curtis.**

**21-24. Samuel Curtis, Jr. and his children, Samuel, Abigail and Ephraim.**

See Inscription No. 69.

**Eaton.**

**25. Alpheus Eaton.**

Alpheus Eaton, Senior, son of Thomas Eaton, died June 12, 1832, aged 67. His son Alpheus died July 14, 1833, aged 47. To which of these the above name belonged, the committee were unable to ascertain.

**26. Annis Eaton, 2d. wife of Alpheus, d. Nov. 10, 1856, a. 73 y. 3 m.**

**27. Frank Eaton, son of Alpheus, d. Nov. 17th, 1848, a. 34.**

**28. George Eaton, son of Alpheus, d. April 14, 1855, a. 37.**

**29. Samuel Eaton, d. Jan. 14, 1800, a. 22.**

**Field.**

**30. Miss Sarah Field. March 12, 1830.**

**Flagg.**

**31. David Flagg, d. April, 1805, a. 47.**

**Fowle.**

*A Sincere Christian triumphs o'er the tomb.*

32. Beneath this stone are the remains of Mrs. Rebecca Fowle, mother of Mrs. Mary Thomas. Born in Boston, Dec. 27th, 1727. Died July 17th, 1803.

Life's theatre as yet is shut, and death,  
Strong death alone can heave the massy bar,  
This gross impediment of clay remove,  
And make us, embryos of existence, free.

From the Thomas tomb.

**Gates.**

33. Elizabeth Gates, died July 29, 1858, aged 64 years, 10 months.

34. Nancy, daughter of Samuel & Eunice Gates, died May 7, 1810, aged 2 years, 9 mo. & 21 days.

She bade her dearest friends a sad adieu,  
No more we hear her song;  
Her little grave is all we view  
Since she is dead and gone.

**Gleason.**

35. James Gleason, d. Jan. 10, 1844, a. 60.

Son of Jonathan Gleason and brother of Captain John Gleason.  
(See Nos. 123-4.)

36. James F. Gleason, d. 1834, a. 20.

Son of Captain John Gleason. He died while in college.

37. Mr. Phineas Gleason, a. 56. Dec. 26, ——.

38. Sarah Gleason, d. 1823, a. 5.

Daughter of Captain John Gleason.

39. Mr. Silas Gleason, d. April, 1806, a. 36.

40. Susanna Gleason, d. June 28, 1825, a. 41.

Wife of James Gleason. She was Susanna Simonds of Holden, sister of Captain John Gleason's wife.

41. Susanna Gleason, d. 1811, a. 7 months.

Daughter of James Gleason.

### Harrington.

42-43. Samuel and Hannah, children of Noah and Lois Harrington.

See Inscription No. 153.

44. Silas Harrington, d. June, 1831, a. 79.

He owned and lived on Grafton Hill. His first wife was Mindwell Willington. (No. 154.)

### Johnson.

45. Lydia Johnson, d. 1819, a. 44.

Wife of Benjamin Johnson.

46. Peter Johnson, d. 1798.

47. Timothy Johnson.

Father of Nahum Johnson. (No. 183.)

### Knight.

48-54. Reuben Knight, Hannah, his wife, and their children, Silas, Sewell, George, Hannah and Abigail.

See Inscription No. 191.

### Knox.

55. Mrs. Eliza T. Knox, died Dec. 23, 1825, aged 41.

Her maiden name was Reed, of Thomaston, Maine. She married in 1803, Henry Jackson Knox, eldest son of Gen. Henry Knox of Revolutionary fame. She was divorced from him, he being of intemperate habits. He was born in 1780 and died suddenly, Oct. 9, 1832. They had no children.

After separating from her husband, she lived for a time in Uxbridge, Mass.; afterwards was housekeeper for Isaiah Thomas in Worcester, in whose house she died suddenly while in apparent health. Her remains were deposited in the Thomas tomb. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability and culture.

**Lovel.**

56. Mrs. Abigail Lovel.

She was Abigail Kingsbury.

**Marsh.**

57. Samuel Marsh, a. 2 years.

Grandchild of Reuben Knight.

**Martin.**

58. Miss Mary M. Martin, aged 25. May 9, 1836.

**Merriam.**

59. George Merriam, d. Aug. 22, 1802, a. 29.

Bookseller and Bookbinder. He kept a store on the place now occupied by Taylor and Goodnow's marble building, on Main Street, between Pleasant and Pearl Streets. He married Dolly, daughter of Rev. Dr. Sumner of Shrewsbury.

**Mixer.**

60. Joseph Mixer.

**Mills.**

61. In memory of Francis C. Mills, son of Mr. Richard & Mrs. Adline Mills. Born Jan. 28, 1825. Died July 30, 1826.

No pain nor grief or anxious fear  
Can reach this lonely sleeper here.

**Moore.**

62. Alexander Moore, d. Jan. 6, 1833, a. 32.

63. Ephraim Curtis Moore, d. Jan. 8, 1831, a. 16.  
Sons of Willard Moore. (No. 216.)

64. Lucy Moore.

Daughter of William Moore. (No. 217.)

65. Mary M. Moore, d. July, 1833.

Second wife of Willard Moore. She was a widow Maynard.

## 66. Mrs. Ruth Moore.

Second wife of William Moore. She was Ruth Rand of Rindge, N. H.

**Putnam.**

## 67. Joel Putnam, d. Oct. 11, 1858, a. 69 y. 8 mo.

See Inscription No. 241.

**Ranks.**

## 68. Christopher Ranks, d. 1815, a. 94.

## 69. Grace Ranks, wife of John Ranks, d. June 24, 1853, a. 77.

## 70. Mary Ranks, d. Aug. 13, 1840, a. 77.

## 71. Sally Ranks, d. Sept. 15, 1800. a. 3.

**Read.**

## 72. In memory of Samuel T. W. Read, son of Mr. Samuel T. &amp; Mrs. Abigail Read, who died Dec. 26, 1822, aged 11 months.

**Rich.**

## 73. Peter Rich, Sr.

See note to No. 259.

## 74. Peter Rich, Jr., d. Nov. 1866, a. 73.

## 75. Clara W. Rich, d. Dec. 1863, a. 52.

## 76. Lucy S. Rich, d. Aug. 1852, a. 33.

**Robbins.**

## 77. Lucy Robbins, wife of Amos Robbins, born 1799, died 1849.

Daughter of Silas Bigelow. (No. 17.)

**Scott.**

## 78. Mary Ann Scott, d. 1843, a. 34.

Colored. Daughter of Peter Rich, Sr.

**Slater.**

79. In memory of Capt. Andrew Slater, who died May 6, 1825, aged 35.

Son of Peter Slater, one of the famous Boston Tea Party, Dec. 16, 1773. Peter Slater was a rope maker by trade. He came to Worcester from Boston; bought the estate now occupied by the Quinsigamond Bank and adjacent buildings, and erected a rope-walk in the rear. He was captain of the Worcester Artillery and was Selectman 1818-21. He died Oct. 13, 1831, aged 71. His remains were removed to Hope Cemetery, a few years since, where a monument commemorative of his early exploit has been erected.

80. In memory of Eunice Slater, daughter of Capt. Andrew & Persis Slater, who died May 3, 1834, in the 18th year of her age.

**Smith.**

81-83. Alice, a. 16 years; Asa, a. 5 mos.; Charles, a. 24 years.

Children of Daniel Smith.

84. Seraph Smith, d. May 11, 1836, a. 37.

Buried in Willard Moore's lot.

**Stiles.**

85. Servis C. Stiles, d. March 4, 1826.

**Stowell.**

86. In memory of Maria Stowell, daughter of Mr. Nath\*\*\* Mrs. Caty Stowell, who died Nov. 22, 1800, aged 7 months & 7 days.

**Taft.**

87. Widow Hannah Taft, d. Sept. 25, 1833, aged 88 years.

**Taylor.**

88. Stephen Taylor, a. 87. May 16, 1836.

**Tebbetts.**

89-90. Caleb Tebbetts and wife.

**Thomas.**

91. Isaiah Thomas, LL. D. Author of the History of Printing. Founder and First President of the American Antiquarian Society. Ardently attached to the Independence of His Country, his efforts were identified with its cause, and through life his press contributed largely to the policy and literature of his age.

Born Jan'y 30th, 1749. Died April 4th, 1831.  
Aged 82.

For Biographical Notice, see page 112.

**OPENING OF THE THOMAS TOMB.**

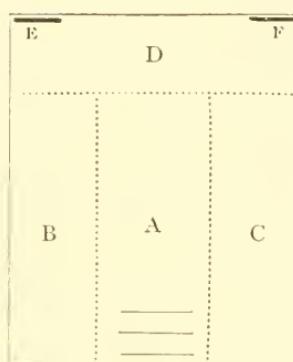
The order of the City Council relating to the removal of the remains of persons buried in the Mechanic Street Burial Ground, required as a matter of course, the removal of the Thomas tomb, which stood in the Northwest corner of the ground, directly in the line of the proposed extension of Foster Street. This tomb, which was built in 1817, was a granite structure, 13 feet long, 11 feet, 1 inch wide, and about 6 feet in height above the ground, while the floor was some 2 1-2 feet below the surface. The interior of the tomb was lined and arched with brick.

Previous to taking any steps towards removal, the Committee of the City Council having the matter in charge, held a consultation with Judge Benjamin F. Thomas of Boston, representing the Thomas family, respecting the disposition of the tomb; and it was determined to remove it to such a lot in Rural Cemetery as Judge Thomas should select. He accordingly designated a lot in the Southwest part of that cemetery, as the place of its final location.

With the view of ascertaining the condition of the interior and contents of the tomb, it was opened on the morning of May 8th, 1878, in the presence of the Mayor and the Committee of the

City Council ; the opening being also witnessed by several members of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, who transcribed the inscriptions ; and interested citizens.

The representation below gives a good idea of the interior of the tomb :—



GROUND PLAN OF THE THOMAS TOMB.

A is a passage, at the end and on each side of which were brick receptacles containing the coffins. These receptacles were covered with slabs of slate bearing the inscriptions. The one on the left marked B, contained the remains of Isaiah Thomas ; that on the right, marked C, those of Mrs. Mary Thomas ; and the body of Mrs. Eliza T. Knox was placed in the one at the end, marked D. At each end of Mrs. Knox's coffin were deposited the bones of Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Fowle, taken from the Thomas family lot on the right of the entrance of the ground ; the stones which had marked the graves being pinned to the wall of the tomb in a perpendicular position at E and F. On the stone over Mrs. Knox, rested an uninclosed coffin with the remains of the daughter of Isaiah Thomas, who married a Simmons.

After inspecting the interior of the tomb, the Committee caused it to be closed until preparations could be made for its final removal.

On the morning of Wednesday, June 12th, the tomb was again opened, and the removal of the remains accomplished under the direction of Messrs Sessions who had charge of the work. There

were present the Mayor, Aldermen Dickinson and Marsh, and Councilmen Crane, Lovell and Lancaster who constituted the Committee of the City Council. The Worcester Society of Antiquity was represented by many of its members; and a large number of citizens interested in the proceedings were in attendance.

The uninclosed coffin was first taken from the tomb, after which the stone covering the remains of Isaiah Thomas was removed. The coffin was found to be almost entirely decayed, although the lid was in a fair state of preservation after an entombment of forty-seven years. On the lid was a silver plate bearing the same inscription as upon the stone. Nothing remained of the body but the skeleton and dust. The others were found to be in much the same condition; the coffin of Mrs. Thomas having entirely disappeared, not even the outlines being traceable.

From the condition of the interior of the tomb and its contents, it was evident beyond question that no violation of its sacredness had ever taken place, notwithstanding reports to that effect which had been circulated to some extent for several years.

The remains of Isaiah Thomas were taken to the undertakers' rooms of Messrs. Sessions, to await the removal of the tomb and the public ceremonies to be observed on the 24th of June. The other remains were temporarily deposited in the receiving tomb at Rural Cemetery.

On June 24th, the remains were all placed in their final resting place in the newly located tomb; the transfer of those of Isaiah Thomas being attended with public ceremonies of an interesting character, of which the newspapers of that and the following day published full accounts.

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92. Isaiah Thomas, 3d, a. 10 mos. Nov. 8, 1805.

Son of Isaiah Thomas, Jr.

93. Mrs. Mary Thomas, consort of Isaiah Thomas.  
Died Nov. 16, 1818,  $\text{\AA}$ Et. 67 years & 5 months.

#### Tufts.

94. John Tufts, d. March 2, 1829, a. 60.

**Wesson.**

95. William Wesson, d. Feb. 9, 1852, a. 74.  
Buried in Willard Moore's lot.

**White.**

96. Eunice, wife of Nathan White, d. Nov. 10th, 1823, a. 65.

She was Eunice Chapin.

97. Nathan White, d. Jan. 27, 1829, a. 74.  
Selectman, 1806-19. Representative, 1808, 1812-15.

**Wiley.**

98. Mary, wife of George Wiley.

She was formerly the wife of Rufus Adams. (No. 4.)

**Winslow.**

99. Mrs. Phillis Winslow, a. 91. d. April 7, 1836.  
Colored. Mother of Peter Rich, Sr.

**Young.**

100. Mrs. Hannah Young, d. March 30, 1823, a. 33 years.

## NOTES AND CORRECTIONS.

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BLAIR.—Joseph Blair (No. 19, Mechanic Street Ground.) was son of Robert Blair. (No. 26, Old Common Inscriptions.) He married a daughter of Simeon Duncan.

BLAKE.—Increase Blake, whose wife was noticed on page 124, was at one time Jailor at Worcester, as appears by the following advertisement from the *Massachusetts Spy* of January 4, 1780:—

### FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS REWARD.

Broke gaol this morning and made his escape from my custody, John Williams, Jr. of Shrewsbury, Innholder. Very dark complexion, about 5 feet 6 inches high. Confined for passing counterfeit money and suspected to be guilty of high treason. Whosoever will take up said Williams and bring him to me or confine him in any gaol in the United States so that I may have him again, shall have the above mentioned reward and all necessary charges paid by INCREASE BLAKE, *Gaoler.*

N. B. A young woman of my family went off with said Williams and took with her several silk gowns. She is supposed to be still with him.

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### NOTES CONCERNING THE FAMILY OF HON. FRANCIS BLAKE.

(Noticed on page 122.)

Francis Blake was son of Joseph and Deborah (Smith) Blake. Joseph Blake was a native and an eminent merchant of Boston. His children were:—

Charlotte, married William Caldwell, High Sheriff of Worcester County.

She died Aug. 1805. (See page 130.)

John Welland, b. 1759; d. 1818. Resided at Brattleborough, Vermont.

Harriet, b. 1761; d. 1780.

Sophia, married Nathan Rice of Burlington, Vermont.

Deborah, b. 1764; d. 1781.

Joseph.

George, b. in Hardwick, 1769. H. U. 1789. United States District Attorney at Boston. He died Oct. 6, 1841.

Charles. Physician at Northfield, Mass.

Francis, the distinguished lawyer, b. 1774.

Joshua, d. young.

Joshua Barker, b. 1779. Lieutenant, U. S. Navy. Commanded one of the gunboats in Decatur's fight off Tripoli. He married Sarah, daughter of John Stanton of Worcester. Died Dec. 22, 1844.

Harriet, b. 1780; married Elijah Hunt Mills, U. S. Senator from Mass. She d. at Cambridge, Feb. 9, 1871.

Hon. Francis Blake married Eliza A. Chandler. Their children were—

Francis Arthur, b. at Rutland, April 4, 1796. H. U. 1814. He married Elizabeth, dau. of Judge Thomas Dawes of Boston. Died at New York, March 22, 1834.

Juliana, b. Oct. 8, 1798. Married, 1st, Charles Carver Tucker of Brunswick Co. Va. 2d, William S. Young, Esq. She d. at Vicksburg, Miss., Nov. 4, 1861.

Joseph Gardner, b. at Rutland, 1800. Clerk in store of Daniel Waldo, Worcester. He married a daughter of Samuel Johnson.

George Smith, b. at Worcester, March 5, 1802. Entered the Navy; was Midshipman 1818, Lieutenant 1827, Captain 1855. Superintendent U. S. Naval Academy, 1857-65. Commodore, 1862. Died June 24, 1871. He married Mary Ann Allen Barron, daughter of Commodore James Barron. She is now (1879) living in London, England.

Charlotte Caldwell, b. Jan. 4, 1804; married Rev. Thomas Russell Sullivan. She died July 2, 1863.

Elizabeth, b. 1806; d. 1810.

Dorothy Ward, b. Oct. 9, 1807; married Dr. Oliver Hunter Blood.

Elizabeth Chandler, b. Sept. 21, 1810; married George T. Rice of Worcester.

Francis, b. July 7, 1812; married, 1842, Caroline Burling Trumbull. Resides in Worcester.

Harrison Gray Otis, b. April 10, 1816. H. U. 1835. Clergyman and Teacher. Resides in Worcester.

For most of the above information, the Committee are indebted to Dr. George Chandler's elaborate Genealogy of the Chandler Family.

**HARRINGTON.**—Francis Harrington (No. 144, Old Common Inscriptions.) was *Grandson* of Robert of Watertown, not son as was stated. His father's name was Edward.

**HUBBARD.**—In the note to John W. Hubbard (N. 181.) it is stated that his mother was one of five sisters who married clergy-

men. The names of *six* clergymen follow, that of the Rev. Samuel Hopkins, D. D. having been inserted by mistake. He was *father* of the ladies mentioned.

MOORE.—William Moore (No. 217, Mechanic Street.) was son of Asa, and grandson of James. (Nos. 213, 217, O. Common.)

PATCH.—Henry and Joseph Patch (230-31.) were sons of Nathan.

TROWBRIDGE.—Deacon William Trowbridge (281) was a second cousin of Chief Justice Edmund Trowbridge, not nephew.

The following notes concerning the family of Deacon William, are copied from the Genealogy of the family by Otis Trowbridge, Newton, Mass., May, 1854, pp. 32 :—

Deacon Trowbridge's first wife was Sarah Rice. (306, O. Common.) Married Dec. 12, 1776. Their children were—

Judith, b. Nov. 18, 1777; married Walter Bigelow.

Sarah, b. Oct. 15, 1780; married Hugh Wilson. Died, 1813.

Mary, b. May 31, 1783; married Alpheus Merrifield. (See note to 207.)

Beulah, b. July 12, 1787; married Moses Clements. (See No. 64.)

The second wife of Mr. Trowbridge was Achsah Hersey. (279) They were married Oct. 8, 1789 and had—

William, b. Oct. 15, 1790.

James, b. Feb. 10, 1792.

Elijah, b. April 20, 1794.

Achsah, b. June 3, 1796; married, 1814, L. Chapin.

Huldah, b. Oct. 16, 1798; married, 1828, H. Ripley, and 1848, Adolphus Baylies.

WISE.—William Wise (318) was son of Daniel, of Wells, Me. He was a student and boarded with the elder Nathan Heard, (165) at whose house he died, aged about 20. His brother Daniel at one time, owned the largest boot and shoe store in Boston.

## RECORD OF DEATHS IN WORCESTER, FROM 1717 TO 1825.

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\*.\* The following List of Names and Dates, was copied from the original records in the office of the City Clerk. The names printed in the foregoing Inscriptions are omitted.

Adams, Aaron	March 29, 1730
Adams, Anne, wife of Thomas,	October 6, 1740
Adams, Isaac, son of Charles and Priscilla,	May 5, 1750
Adams, John, " " "	November 22, 1739
Adams, Joseph, son of Thomas and Anne,	October 6, 1740
Adams, Martha, daughter of Charles and Priscilla,	June 27, 1746
Adams, Priscilla, wife of Charles, aged 61,	February 4, 1768
Allen, Joseph, son of Major Samuel, aged 9 months,	June 23, 1823
Allen, Marie M., daughter " aged 5 years,	July 30, 1825
Bancroft, Rev. Aaron, born in Reading, Mass., aged 84,	August 19, 1839
Bancroft, Caroline, daughter of Rev. Aaron and Lucretia,	August 29, 1796
Bancroft, Charles, son of " " "	April 15, 1805
Bancroft, Lucretia, wife of " "	April 27, 1839
Barker, Jonathan, aged 26,	January 18, 1807
Beard, David	October 25, 1730
Biglo, Ana, daughter of John and Rebeckah,	November 14, 1735
Biglow, Dolly, daughter of Walter,	July 25, 1824
Biglow, George, son of Lewis and Sophia, aged 2,	October 4, 1821
Biglow, Lewis, " " "	February 22, 1816
Bigelow, Sarah, wife of David,	October 22, 1761
Bixley, Joel, aged 51,	May 13, 1820
Bixley, Solomon, aged 76,	January 9, 1807
Blackman, Palmer Goulding, son of Nathan and Hannah,	August 6, 1796
Blake, Sulia, child of Jason and Lydia,	February 26, 1794
Bond, Ruth, wife of John, aged 59,	April 1, 1748
Bontell, Hannah, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth,	February 9, 1733-4
Boyden, Joseph	April 17, 1748
Brazer, Betsey, wife of Samuel, Esq., aged 66,	June 6, 1824
Bridge, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Mary,	August 3, 1760

Brooks, Eunice, wife of George, aged 27,	September 3, 1823
Brooks, Hannah, wife of the late Captain Samuel, aged 96,	December 6, 1819
Bullard, Hannah, dau. Jonathan and Sarah, aged 3 mo.	February 8, 1745
Bullard, Sarah dau. " " aged 8,	February 4, 1746-7
Burling, Mrs. Elizabeth	November 11, 1821
Burt, Martha, wife of Simeon, Esq., aged 36,	March 22, 1820
Butler, Elizabeth, wife of Smith,	June 3, 1798
Butler, Jonathan, son "	August 3, 1797
Butzman, Charles, son of Benjamin and Susanna,	August 28, 1796
Challick, Lydia, widow of the late David, aged 84,	March 12, 1824
Chaddick, Sarah, daughter of John, Jr., and Sarah,	March 15, 1759
Chamberlin, William, son of Jacob and Lydia,	July 25, 1767
Chamberlin, Mrs., wife of William,	March 8, 1810
Chandler, Charles	April 9, 1798
Chandler, Gardner, son of John, Jr., and Dorothy,	December 16, 1743
Chandler, Col. Gardner	June 28, 1782
Chandler, Hannah, wife of John, Jr., aged 39,	January 5, 1737-8
Chandler, Hannah, wife of Gardner,	December 1, 1765
Chandler, John	August 7, 1762
Chapen, Leonard, son of Thadeas and Lucy,	May 31, 1804
Chapen, Luther " " "	April 21, 1790
Chapen, Rufus, son of Eli, aged 26,	May 19, 1811
Cheney, Nabby, daughter of Elisha,	December 16, 1803
Child, Jason, son of Joshua and Mary,	September 22, 1755
Child, John, husband of Tabitha,	November 10, 1745
Child, Joshua, son of Joshua and Mary,	September 9, 1755
Child, Tabitha, daughter of John and Tabitha,	November 8, 1745
Coburn, Sylvanus, a. 32, buried at Oxford in Masonic order,	February 2, 1820
Coes, William Seth	October 3, 1817
Cook, Caleb, son of Oliver and Beulah,	December 16, 1761
Craige, Elias, son of Jesse and Sarah,	September 5, 1796
Craige, Nabby, dau. " " "	October 22, 1792
Crauford, Mary, wife of Robburt, aged 26,	January 6, 1729-30
Curtice, Jonathan, son of John and Rebeckah,	January 4, 1732-3
Curtis, Dolly, daughter of Tyler,	January 20, 1791
Curtis, John, son "	September 14, 1783
Curtis, John B., son of the late Captain Samuel, aged 25,	July 29, 1823
Curtis, Lydia, wife of Jesse, aged 26,	July 28, 1820
Curtis, Sally, daughter of Tyler,	July 24, 1788
Curtis, Tyler, son "	May 23, 1777
Curtise, Ephraim	January 1, 1747-8
Curtise, Joseph, son of John and Rebeckah,	September 20, 1745
Curtise, Mary, wife of Ephraim,	December 1, 1745
Curtise, Rebeckah, daughter of John and Rebeckah,	October 4, 1745

Curtise, Rebeckah, wife of John,	March 24, 1755
Curtise, William, son of John and Rebeckah,	April 16, 1749
Cutler, Abner	January 27, 1765
Cutting, James, son of Francis and Thankful,	July 26, 1755
Dalrymple, Mary, daughter of Winslow and Mary,	October 31, 1813
Dalrymple, Nancy, " " "	October 19, 1819
Dalrymple, Rhoda, " " "	April 24, 1819
Davenport, Abigail, daughter of Charles and Jemima,	January 20, 1734-5
Davenport, Jemima, wife of Charles,	February 17, 1734-5
Davenport, Samuel, son " and Joanna,	January 12, 1742-3
Davis, Cynthia, wife of Joseph, 2d, of Oxford,	January 14, 1820
Dexter, Lois, daughter of Peter and Lois, aged 3 weeks,	December 11, 1819
Dexter, Peter, aged 37,	May 23, 1820
Dunkin, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Sarah,	April 16, 1744
Dunkin, Ezekiel, son of John, Jr., and Sarah, aged 1 year,	October 23, 1728
Dunkin, Ezekiel, son of Daniel and Sarah,	January 21, 1750
Dunkin, John, husband of Sarah, aged 67,	December 15, 1739
Dunkin, Jonas, son of John and Sarah, aged 3,	June 24, 1725
Dunkin, Samuel, son of Samuel and Mehitable,	February 28, 1741-2
Dyar, Mary, dau. of Joseph and Mary, a. 4 y. 8 mo. 31 d.	February 1, 1740-1
Dyer, Benjamin, son " "	August 12, 1737
Earle, Clark	July 21, 1814
Earle, Hepzibah, wife of Clark,	February 15, 1799
Earle, Lavonia, daughter of Dexter and Susannah,	May 15, 1816
Earle, Metilda, aged 24	
Earle, Ralph, son of Clark and Caroline,	April 20, 1807
Earle, Ralph	December 6, 1808
Eaton, Adeline Elizabeth, dau. of Alpheus, Jr., and Betsy,	March 16, 1814
Eaton, Anna, wife of William,	October 24, 1792
Eaton, David, son of " and Hannah,	September 11, 1796
Eaton, Mrs. Elizabeth	February 23, 1811
Eaton, Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Mary,	February , 1812
Eaton, Joannah Heard, dau. of Amherst and Elizabeth,	October 10, 1810
Eaton, Russell, son of Thomas and Susannah,	June 9, 1782
Eaton, Russell, " " "	June 5, 1786
Eaton, Ruth	October 25, 1773
Eaton, Samuel	December 16, 1768
Eaton, Susannah, wife of Thomas,	April 25, 1786
Eaton, Thomas, son of Samuel and Ruth,	August 25, 1788
Eaton, Thomas Rice, s. of Thomas and Mary, died at Ward,	March 15, 1817
Elder, John	February 13, 1819
Flagg, Amos	December 18, 1802
Flagg, Asa, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth, aged 14 days,	March 20, 1728-9
Flagg, Asa, aged 39,	June 3, 1823

Flagg, Benjamin, aged 80,	May 3, 1741
Flagg, Ebenezer, son of Benjamin and Experience, a. 33,	October 10, 1738
Flagg, Elizabeth, wife of Josiah,	August 6, 1766
Flagg, Elizabeth, daughter of Elijah and Sarah,	September 21, 1803
Flagg, Experience, wife of Benjamin,	July 11, 1747
Flagg, John	September 4, 1824
Flagg, Jonathan, son of Josiah and Elizabeth,	September, 15, 1790
Flagg, Josiah	April 19, 1774
Flagg, Lucretia Chandler, daughter of Francis and Phebe,	1787
Flagg, Lydia, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth, aged 17,	June 18, 1736
Flagg, Martha, wife of Rufus,	September 5, 1790
Flagg, Mary, daughter of Francis and Phebe,	October 16, 1782
Flagg, Molly, " Josiah and Elizabeth,	October 11, 1760
Flagg, Moore, son of Elijah and Sarah,	September 8, 1810
Flagg, Nancy, daughter of Francis and Phebe,	August , 1775
Flagg, Sally, daughter of Rufus,	December 5, 1790
Flagg, Timothy, son of Francis and Phebe,	1788
Fessenden, Charles Alanson, son of Wyman,	February 2, 1820
Fiske, Mrs. Matilda, aged 29,	August 28, 1820
Fiske, Olive, wife of Samuel,	October 4, 1801
Foxcroft, John	July 27, 1824
Fuller, Samuel, by means of a tree falling on him,	February 15, 1807
Gardner, Lucy, daughter of John and Mary,	October 2, 1817
Gates, Asa, son of Asa and Hannah,	August 2, 1823
Gates, Lucretia	November 29, 1767
Gates, Nathaniel, son of Jonathan and Abigail,	July 1, 1743
Geer, Sarah, daughter of Asa, "	July 25, 1815
Gleason, Lucy, daughter of Isaac and Abigail,	September 18, 1776
Gleason, Sarah, " Captain John,	September 19, 1823
Glezen, Benjamin, died at Louisburg,	January 2, 1745-6
Goddard, Mary, aged 45,	June 26, 1817
Goodwin, James, aged 40,	January 4, 1808
Gould, Hannah, wife of Ebenezer, aged 72,	May 17, 1820
Goulding, Abigail, daughter of Palmer and Abigail,	May 17, 1736
Goulding, Levi, son of Peter and Lucy,	June 8, 1767
Goulding, Sally, dau. " "	June 27, 1778
Gray, Lydia, dau. of Luke and Juliette, born April 18, 1803,	August 15, 1804
Gray, Margret, wife of Robert,	December 26, 1800
Gray, Nathaniel, killed by lightning, aged 48,	July 29, 1823
Green, Isaac, son of Dr. John, aged 23,	September 26, 1807
Green, Dr. John	August 11, 1808
Greenleaf, Daniel	December 22, 1824
Grout, Abigail, wife of Thomas,	May 18, 1768

Hair, Edward	October , 1807
Hale, Capt. Joshua, died at New Orleans, aged 40,	August 29, 1817
Harrington, Andrew, son of Samuel, Jr., and Nancy, a. 10,	June 9, 1823
Harrington, Lucretia, wife of Samuel, aged 22,	September 4, 1821
Hastings, Ebenezer	October 22, 1807
Hastings, Isabella, aged 23,	August 26, 1820
Hastings, , wife of Ezra,	September 13, 1806
Haws, Joanna, wife of James, aged 23,	March 14, 1737-8
Healy, Nathaniel, aged 63,	December 30, 1794
Hearsey, David, a pensioner, aged 62,	April 27, 1819
Heminway, John, son of Jacob and Mary,	September 7, 1750
Henry, Amos, son of Robert and Lucy,	September 27, 1817
Heywood, Lucy, daughter of Benjamin and Mehitable,	November 11, 1796
Heywood, Mary, daughter of Abel,	January 11, 1815
Heywood, Nancy Anne, daughter of Hon. Benjamin,	August 30, 1814
Heywood, Nancy, daughter of Daniel 2d, and Sally,	April 28, 1790
Heywood, Nathaniel Curtis, son of Henry,	September 28, 1820
Heywood, Persis, wife of Phinehas, aged 54.	August 16, 1801
Hodg, Mary, daughter of Elisha and Martha,	April 26, 1746
Holbrook, Abel	
Holbrook, Benjamin, son of Eleaser and Kesiah,	March 19, 1766
Holbrook, Eleazer	March 20, 1775
Holbrook, Hannah, widow of Abel,	May 18, 1794
Holbrook, Lewis, aged 47,	February 21, 1823
Holdin, Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah,	February 23, 1729-30
Holmes, Jacob	January 18, 1803
Holmes, Katharine, dau. of Jacob and Anna, a. 19 y. 9 m.	Sept'm'r 15, 1805
Holmes, Nancy, " " "	
Holmes, Rachel wife of Jacob,	January 28, 1726-7
Holton, Mary, wife of Timothy,	March 8, 1740-1
Houghton, Nathan	1809
How, Hannah, wife of James, aged 21,	March 10, 1736-7
How, James	August 17, 1734
Hubbard, John, son of John and Hannah, aged 4,	March 1, 1727-8
Jennison, Rev. Samuel, s. Capt. Wm. and Elizabeth, a. 29,	October 14, 1729
Jennison, William, died at Swanton, Vt., aged 61,	July 21, 1818
Johnson, Abigail, daughter of Solomon and Abigail,	December 13, 1744
Johnson, Abigail, wife of Micah, aged 66,	February 20, 1823
Johnson, Alpheus, son of John and Lydia,	August 31, 1812
Johnson, Asa, sop of Micah, Jr., and Sarah,	August 7, 1798
Johnson, Bula, daughter of Solomon and Abigail,	August 3, 1744
Johnson, Eli, son of Clark and Patty,	April 25, 1800
Johnson, Eunice, daughter of William and Mary, aged 2,	May 8, 1739

Johnson, Eunice, widow of Samuel,	October , 1808
Johnson, Levi, son of Clark and Patty,	December 2, 1817
Johnson, Lucinda, wife of Timothy, aged 35,	July 6, 1809
Johnson, Mrs. Mary, aged 91,	September 7, 1820
Johnson, Nancy, daughter of John and Lydia,	May , 1806
Johnson, Sally, " " "	August 31, 1796
Johnson, Samuel, aged 44,	January 15, 1807
Johnson, Samuel, son of William and Susannah,	April 8, 1807
Johnson, Sarah, wife of Micah, Jr.,	
Johnson, Turall, son of William, aged 21,	September 6, 1820
Jones, Ashley, son of Phinehas, died at Savannah, Ga.,	March 23, 1801
Jones, Mary, wife of Nathaniel,	November 21, 1724
Kettell, Daniel Francis, son of Daniel G. and Susannah,	February 25, 1825
Killough, Rachel, daughter of John and Jean,	December 15, 1717
King, Elizabeth, wife of Peter, aged 25,	October 5, 1722
Knapp, Mr., aged 72,	February 18, 1822
Knight, Abijah, son of Edward, Jr. and Joannah,	October 20, 1740
Knight, Elizabeth, wife of Edward, Senior,	February 3, 1793
Knight, Elizabeth, wife of Edward,	January 3, 1794
Knight, Experience, daughter of Isaac and Rebeckah,	August 15, 1810
Knight, Isaac	February 7, 1812
Knight, Isaac West, son of Richard and Mary,	October 10, 1814
Knight, John L., died at New Orleans, aged 24,	October 10, 1819
Knight, Kate, daughter of Isaac and Rebeckah,	October 13, 1792
Knight, Lucy, " " "	October 10, 1803
Knight, Lucy R., daughter of Richard and Mary,	October 3, 1814
Knight, Lydia, daughter of Edward and Joannah,	October 21, 1740
Knight, Martin, died at New Orleans,	October 9, 1819
Knight, Polly, daughter of Thomas and Sarah,	September 19, 1783
Knight, Rebeckah, daughter of Isaac and Rebeckah,	April 24, 1805
Knight, Rebeckah, wife of Isaac,	February 16, 1807
Knight, Richard, son of Isaac and Rebeckah,	January 14, 1813
Knight, Ruthy, dau. " "	May 21, 1803
Knight, Sarah, wife of Jonah, aged 56,	October 15, 1825
Lee, Rebeckah, wife of Henry,	May 20, 1724
Lincoln, Hon. Abraham	1824
Lincoln, Andrew, son of Abraham and Nancy,	August 27, 1796
Lincoln, Hon. Levi, aged 72,	April 14, 1820
Lincoln, Rebeckah	May 28, 1796
Lovell, Abigail, wife of Jonathan, Jr. and daughter of Joseph Kingsbury and Margaret, aged 22,	May 26, 1796
Lovell, Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Mary,	September, 28, 1739
Lovell, Moses, son of Jonathan, Jr., and Abigail,	May 12, 1796

Lynde, Mary, widow of Joseph, Esq.,	November 12, 1798
Maccarty, Thomas, son of Rev. Thaddeus and Mary,	May 15, 1750
Mainord, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph, aged 59,	September 15, 1732
Malvin, Jack, a Negro,	December 12, 1809
Mann, Sylvester, aged 27,	October 11, 1825
March, Prudence, aged 62,	December 22, 1820
McClellan, James, husband of Margaret,	September 29, 1729
McDaniel, Eunice, wife of John, aged 37,	May 10, 1823
McDolland, Archibald, son of John and Eunice,	March 4, 1819
McFarland, James, Senior,	April 9, 1783
Miller, Jacob, Jr., son of Jacob and Polly,	October 8, 1802
Miller, Josiah, son of Samuel and Elizabeth,	December 26, 1748-9
Moore, Anna, daughter of John and Esther,	February 5,
Moore, Calven	June 21, 1807
Moore, David, aged 55,	August 28, 1817
Moore, Elijah, son of Collins and Barsheba,	February 19, 1729-30
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Moore, Mary, daughter of David and Martha, aged 4 m.	July 20, 1800
Moore, Nancy, " " " " 10 y.	October 14, 1817
Moore, Phebe, " " " " 13 y.	September 14, 1817
Moore, Rebeckah, daughter of James and Rebeckah,	December 6, 1776
Moore, Samuel, born May 5, 1736,	December 19, 1803
Moore, Silas, son of James and Comfort,	June 1, 1729
Moore, Silas, died of small pox,	June 10, 1777
Morse, Caleb, son of Isaac and Elizabeth,	November 17, 1745
Morse, Joseph, " " "	November 25, 1745
Morse, Sally, daughter of Willard and Nabby,	September 22, 1796
Mower, Mary, wife of Ephraim, aged 20,	February 23, 1745-6
Munroe, Oliver, son of Olive Stearns,	July 27, 1803
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Newton, Roxy, daughter of Benjamin and Molly,	June 16, 1785
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Parker, Charlotte, daughter of John and Welthena,	August , 1796
Parker, Eliza, " William and Azubah,	September 25, 1802
Parker, Elizabeth, aged 84,	September 25, 1801
Parker, Hannah, daughter of Thomas and Amity,	December 8, 1748
Parker, William, aged 78,	September 9, 1801

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Patch, Eliza, daughter of Joshua,	April 3, 1795
Patch, Franklin Turall, son of John and Harriet,	February 17, 1822
Patch, John Stillman, son of Benjamin and Betsy,	March 17, 1821
Patch, Joshua, aged 51,	June 23, 1818
Patch, Mary, daughter of William W. and Sally,	September 16, 1822
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Peirce, Capt. John, aged 63,	March 2, 1808
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Peirce, Mary, daughter of Josiah and Sarah,	April 23, 1754
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Rand, Martha Coburn, daughter of Calvin and Elizabeth,	September 28, 1818
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Ranks, Sally, daughter of John and Grace, aged 3,	September 16, 1800
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Stearns, Isaac, aged 75,	July 25, 1800
Stearns, Olive, daughter of William,	February 29, 1804
Stevens, Harriet, daughter of Thomas and Mina,	November 2, 1819
Stow, Aaron Gibbs, son of John, (at Shrewsbury)	March 21, 1790
Stow, Louisa, daughter " "	February 11, 1800
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Stowell, Eliza, daughter of Nathaniel and Caty,	July 5, 1809
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Tatman, Jabez, born in Roxbury,	March 13, 1807
Taylor, Hannah, daughter of Abraham and Rachel,	March , 1764
Taylor, James, son of James and Elizabeth,	June 31, 1730
Taylor, Lucy, daughter of Stephen and Susannah,	October 21, 1792
Temple, Abraham, son of William and Sarah,	October 2, 1741
Tenney, Emmerson, son of Stephen R., aged 8,	April 2, 1820
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Thing, Lois, wife of Samuel, aged 39,	November 5, 1821
Trowbridge, Eliza, daughter of Elijah II., aged 21 mo.	September 21, 1823
Trowbridge, Jerusha, wife of James,	April 26, 1756
Trowbridge, William, son of James and Jerusha,	July 7, 1748
Trumbull, Joseph, Esq., aged 67,	March 1, 1824
Tufts, Lucy, daughter of Walter and Lucy,	May 27, 1798
Vant, John Milburn, son of Mrs. Relief,	September 12, 1819
Waite, Sarah, widow of Joseph,	April 24, 1754
Walker, Daniel, son of Joseph and Asenath,	December 2, 1801
Walker, Levy Johnson, s. "	January , 1804
Walker, Samuel, "	June 12, 1793
Wallace, Sarah, wife of Isaac R.	November 30, 1807
Ward, Eunice, wife of Phinehas,	March 30, 1771
Ward, Eunice, daughter of Phinehas and Eunice,	October 6, 1782
Ward, Mary Grout, daughter of Col. Artimas and Sarah,	August 29, 1822
Ward, Paty	
Ward, Phinehas, Jr., son of Phinehas and Eunice,	August 22, 1776
Ward, Sarah, wife of Daniel,	November 1, 1730
Ward, Thankful, wife of Elisha, aged 56,	October 20, 1819
Ward, William, son of Daniel and Sarah, aged 3 weeks,	October 19, 1728
Warden, Henry, son of Samuel and Tamerson,	July 31, 1817
Warden, Nancy, dau. "	December 19, 1813
Waters, Betsy, aged 63,	March 11, 1823
Waters, Mary, aged 65,	March 9, 1821
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Weight, Joseph, aged 71,	October 5, 1753
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Wheeler, Abraham, son of Abraham and Hannah, a. 11,	February 25, 1745-6
Wheeler, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Mary,	July 18, 1782
Wheeler, Elizabeth D. wife of Daniel Greenleaf,	June 13, 1800
Wheeler, Elizabeth, " " "	December 15, 1803
Wheeler, Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel G. and Nancy, a. 2,	March 29, 1817
Wheeler, George, son of Daniel and Elizabeth,	August 18, 1803
Wheeler, Henrietta, daughter of Theophilus and Elizabeth,	August 14, 1796
Wheeler, Mary, wife of Thomas, aged 40 y. 1 m. 16 d.	May 18, 1740
Wheeler, Mary, wife of Joseph,	August 27, 1783
Wheeler, Nancy	September 16, 1823
Wheeler, Deacon Thomas	January 12, 1795
White, Eunice, wife of Nathan,	November 12, 1823
White, Thaddeus, aged 22,	February 9, 1822
Whitney, Benjamin, aged 86,	July 30, 1823
Whitney, Ebenezer	January 23, 1743-4
Whitney, Elizabeth, aged 73,	November 10, 1823

Whittemore, Dolly Ann, daughter of Clark and Patty,	August 26, 1813
Wight, Rachel, wife of Oliver, aged 65,	April 15, 1824
Willard, Aaron, son of Solomon and Lydia,	May 27, 1797
Willard, Lydia, dau.        "        "	February 15, 1787
Willington, Daniel, aged 70,	September 17, 1823
Willington, Ebenezer	December , 1801
Willington, Rebeckah, wife of Daniel,	February 20, 1800
Wing, Maj. Moses	October 23, 1809
Wise, Martin Tower, son of Daniel and Sally,	April 22, 1805
Wiswell, Sarah, wife of Samuel,	July , 1784
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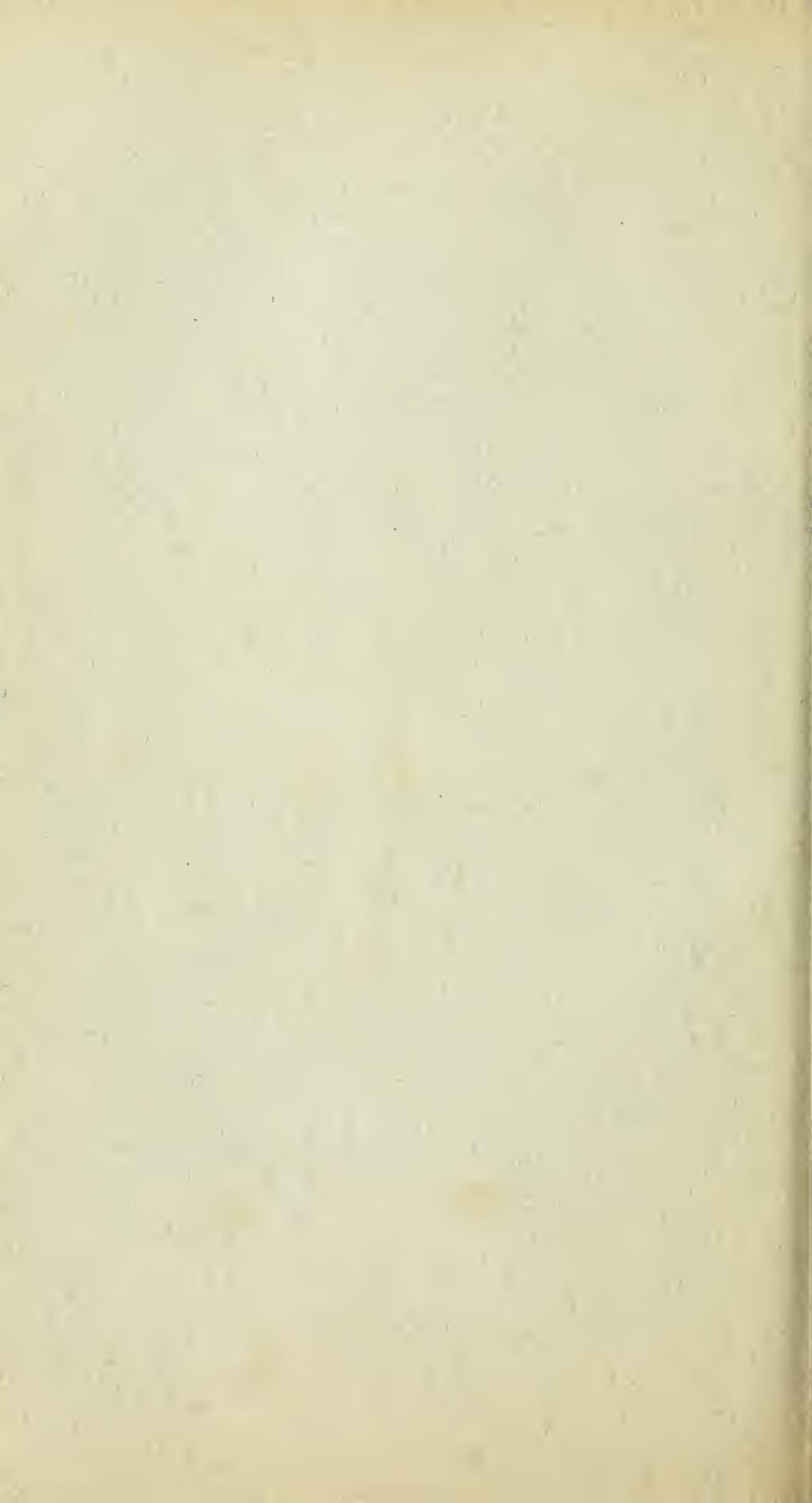
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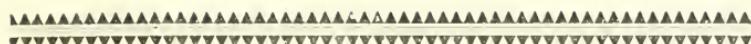
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FOR 1878.



THE first meeting of THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY, after the Annual Meeting, was held at the Library of the Society, Tuesday evening, Feb. 5th, there being present seventeen members.

The President, in behalf of the Executive Committee, made the following report, which was accepted and its recommendations adopted:—

## REPORT.

GENTLEMEN:—The Proceedings of the Society for 1877 have been printed in accordance with previous instructions, the same having been prepared for the press by Mr. Jillson. It was decided by the Committee, that it was not expedient to print the Papers that have been read before the Society during the year, but it is probable that those of Mr. Crane and Mr. Tyler will be privately printed.

The Inscriptions from the Old Common and Mechanic street Burial Grounds, have been printed under the special direction of the Committee on that work, Messrs. Crane, Lovell and Rice, making 121 pages, which, with the Proceedings, make 164 pages. This Pamphlet has been numbered III. The Inscriptions have been bound in a separate pamphlet, and numbered IV.

The printing has been done in a very acceptable manner, by Messrs. Tyler & Seagrave, as the work will show to those into whose hands it may come.

The Committee recommend that one copy of the Proceedings, No. III, which contains all the matter published, be given to each member of our Society, both Active and Honorary.

Respectfully submitted.

S. E. STAPLES,  
CLARK JILLSON,  
E. B. CRANE,  
DANIEL SEAGRAVE,  
JAMES A. SMITH.

Worcester, February 5th, 1878.

The Standing Committee on nominations, proposed for active membership, Dr. Merrick Benis, John Merrill and E. H. Marble, all of Worcester, and they were duly elected.

The Librarian read a list of numerous donations received during the preceding month, among which were a collection of Directories from Messrs. Drew, Allis & Co., and a volume of Poole's Annotations, from Mrs. Clark Jillson. It was voted that the thanks of the Society be tendered Messrs. Drew Allis & Co., for their donation. By request, Mr. Jillson gave a very interesting historical account of the volume presented by Mrs. Jillson, after which, on motion of Mr. Lovell, the Secretary was instructed to communicate the thanks of the Society to Mrs. Jillson, for her valuable donation.

It was voted that the Librarian be authorized to make such exchanges of our duplicate matter as may be for the advantage of the Society.

William S. Barton Esq., made a few complimentary remarks in relation to the Society, and offered some suggestions in regard to the further division of work among the several members. He presented to the Society "Alden's Epitaphs" in five volumes, which is a scarce work, and a valuable addition to our library.

Albert A. Lovell was appointed a committee to collect material relating to certain historical localities in Worcester and vicinity.

Charles R. Johnson, Chairman of the Department of Archaeology and General History, and Ellery B. Crane, Chairman of the Department of Local History and Genealogy, reported that their Departments had been organized, and that the members thereof had manifested a good degree of interest in the work contemplated.

Hon. Clark Jillson, Chairman of the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings, reported concerning the organization of that Department, and proposed work for the same.

Mr. Jillson then read the following brief sketch, relating to the financial management of the pioneer Cotton Manufacturer of America; showing that men of ability can not only invent and manufacture machines to establish and carry on a great industry, but that they may also be qualified, without special education therefor, to deal with financial problems, in a more skillful manner, and with better success than many who have made that subject a life-study.

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In cases of long continued depression in financial circles, we are apt to seek for a parallel in history, hoping that a knowledge of the methods of relief, resorted to by financiers in former times, may suggest a remedy whereby we may avert failure in business.

The financial aspect of this country depends largely upon the financial condition of individuals, which, to be satisfactory, must be sustained by public and private confidence in the ability of the individual to promptly meet his liabilities. A want of confidence will destroy the prospects of a business man, though his estate may be solvent, and his chances for success, with proper management, good. To avoid disasters of this kind, and for the purpose of maintaining confidence in each other, business men have taxed their financial ability to its utmost tension, generally with indifferent results. Formerly when one creditor became alarmed, with or without cause, and commenced legal action, it became a signal for others to do likewise, leaving the debtor surrounded by the tender mercies of a panic. One of the shrewdest schemes to avoid such a state of affairs was successfully resorted to by SAMUEL SLATER, the father of cotton manufacture in America, by which device he was saved from financial ruin.

Mr. Slater, born at Belper, England, June 9, 1768, arrived in New York, Nov., 1789, at the age of twenty-one. At that time Moses Brown had attempted to spin cotton by machinery, in Rhode Island, but had made a total failure. Congress had just passed an Act for the encouragement of manufactures; and the Legislature of Pennsylvania had offered a bounty for the introduction of the Arkwright patents. Young Slater had seen these laws and was thereby induced to bring across the ocean Arkwright's improvements, without models or drawings, carrying the details in his mind, so thoroughly fixed as to enable him to build a complete set of cotton machinery. He wrote to Mr. Brown stating what he could do, but received a discouraging reply, although it contained this proposition:—"If thou canst do this thing, I invite thee to come to Rhode Island and have the credit and profit of introducing cotton manufacture into America."

He thereupon went to Rhode Island, and his first machine for spinning and weaving cotton cloth was put in motion at Pawtucket, Dec. 21st 1790. In 1812 he erected his mills in Oxford, (now Webster,) where has grown up a large establishment, which still bears his name.

During the business depression of 1829, Mr. Slater having a large amount of property in his possession, became financially involved; but his foresight was such as to enable him to overcome all obstacles, and at the same time make a fortune. To relieve himself from embarrassment he issued thirty notes, amounting in all to \$215,000, and they were put upon the market. He also placed his entire property in the hands of several wealthy gentlemen in Providence, to be held by them in trust for a specific purpose, the conditions of which exhibited a combination of honesty and shrewdness seldom found in harmony with each other.

The remarkable document by which this conveyance was made is dated August 15th 1829, and is now among the records of the town of Smithfield R. I. It provides that in consideration of *two hundred and fifteen dollars*, and the covenants and trusts hereafter mentioned, Mr. Samuel Slater conveys to Thomas P. Ives, Philip Allen, Samuel Nightingale, Richard Bullock, Nehemiah H. Knight, William Church, Cyrus Butler, William Richmond and William T. Grinnell, all of Providence, property consisting of a block of buildings on South Main street; a cotton factory with all its machinery, engine, two dwelling houses, and land on which they all stand; also one other building and a dwelling house, all in Providence; also certain parcels of land in Smithfield; also certain parcels of land with dwelling houses, a cotton factory, mill privilege, machinery, etc. etc., in Attleboro and Seekonk; also one half of Union Block in Pawtucket; also about two thousand acres of land in Oxford, Dudley and Douglas, in Massachusetts, with all the cotton factories, mills, rights of water, dwelling houses, stores and buildings thereon, machinery &c., which had been conveyed to Mr. Slater by seventeen different deeds; also one half of the Jewett City Manufacturing Company's works, consisting of mills, cotton factories, rights of water, dwelling houses, stores etc., etc., conveyed to the owner by eleven deeds; for the above named to have and to hold in

*special trust* for the purposes hereinafter declared ; that is to say, whereas, the said Slater has made and executed thirty notes amounting in all to \$215,000 ; therefore, if the said Slater should take up these notes as they became due, then this deed was to be null and void ; otherwise it should be the duty of the trustees to sell the property to pay the notes, for which purpose the above named gentlemen were attorneys, irrevocable, and they agreed to perform the trust committed to them.

By this financial strategy the large estate of Mr. Slater was saved from plunder, and at the same time provision was made for the payment of all his debts.

If those who are financially embarrassed at the present day would adhere to a similar code of honor, business would revive and confidence be restored.

At the regular meeting held March 5th, at the Hall of the Society, there was the usual good attendance, and much interest was manifested in the objects of the Association. E. H. Rice of Worcester was elected an active member, and John E. Russell of Leicester, a corresponding member.

The Librarian reported several acknowledgements from individuals and societies, of the receipt of our Proceedings, and numerous donations to the Library, of books, pamphlets, manuscripts and maps.

Augustus Stone gave notice that the Department of Relics, Coins and Curiosities, had organized by the choice of Henry Phelps as Chairman, and Theodore S. Johnson, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Seagrave it was voted to place the Pocumtuck Valley Association of Deerfield, Mass., upon the exchange list of this Society.

Mr. E. B. Crane then read a very interesting historical Paper upon the "Lumber Business of Worcester," from its earliest settlement, with brief biographical notices of the persons engaged therein, to the year 1835, when the Boston and Worcester Railroad was completed. Mr. Crane promised that at some future meeting he would continue the subject, bringing it down to the present time.

At the regular monthly meeting held Tuesday evening, April 2d, there were present eighteen members. Fisher A. Bosworth M. D. of Webster, and Franklin C. Jillson of Worcester were elected to active membership. Valuable donations were received from Hon. Stephen Salisbury, Messrs. Putnam and Davis, and from various members of the Society.

A letter from S. F. Haven Esq., Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society, was read, acknowledging the receipt of our Proceedings and complimentary to the same.

Mr. C. H. J. Douglas, of Brown University, a member of the society, was introduced, and read a valuable Paper upon the subject of "Family Histories," which was listened to with much interest and satisfaction. Dr. George Chandler of Worcester, the author of a very elaborate work, on the Genealogy of the "Chandler Family," being present by invitation, was called upon by the President, and made some interesting remarks upon the same subject.

On motion of Franklin P. Rice, it was voted that Mr. Douglas be requested to furnish a copy of his

Paper for preservation in the archives of this Society.

Hon. Clark Jillson presented to the Society a pair of Hands recently removed from the Old South clock in this city, prefacing the same with historical remarks concerning the old clock and its labor, for a period of more than seventy-five years.

In behalf of Mr. A. B. Prouty of this city, Mr. Jillson presented the Society with a machine for the manufacture of card teeth previous to the invention of card setting machines. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Prouty. Interesting remarks were made by Dr. Chandler, Mr. Jillson and others, concerning the various stages of the manufacture of card teeth, and setting of the same, before the invention of machines for doing that work.

Mr. Crane read a continuation of his Paper on the "Lumber Business of Worcester," from 1835 to the present time, together with brief Biographical sketches of the persons engaged therein.

The following embraces the entire Paper read by Mr. Crane before the Society. It contains an abundance of Local History, gleaned with the greatest care from various reliable sources, and for the first time gathered into a single article, couched in such language as to make it attractive and instructive to the general reader. Its Genealogical and Biographical information make it exceedingly valuable for future reference, to all who are or may become residents of Worcester.

## THE LUMBER BUSINESS OF WORCESTER.

On the 15th day of May, 1667, Capt Daniel Gookin, Capt Edward Johnson, Mr. Samuel Andrew and Andrew Belcher, senior, were instructed by the Great and General Court at Boston, to view the country near Quinsigamond Ponds, and to report whether in their opinion "the place be capable to make a village."

Messrs. Gookin, Johnson and Belcher made answer to that request, Oct. 20, 1668, recommending the location for a town; it being, as they said, "conveniently situated, well watered with ponds and brooks, and containing a tract of very good chestnut tree land—a *large quantity*—but the meadow we find not so much." By the report of this Committee, we establish the fact that the territory selected for the Quinsigamond Plantation, called Worcester in 1684, was a well timbered country: and although the chestnut was perhaps the most abundant, yet the pine, oak, walnut, ash, birch and maple were also natives of the soil, all doing their part toward making up the shady groves and leafy forests that covered the rocky hill-slopes, and darkened the deep valleys of this then wild and trackless wilderness. Here the early settlers found material close at hand with which to construct log huts for shelter in time of peace, and Garrison houses to which they might flee for safety from attacks of the prowling, blood-thirsty Indians. At this time every man in the settlement, from the Parson to the drudge, was a Lumberman and Carpenter, performing the duties of both trades, from the felling of the tree to preparing and placing the logs in proper position to complete the cabin: with but the axe and the hand-saw for tools to aid them in their work.

According to records found the first saw-mill, an institution so indispensable to the growth and prosperity of the new town, was built about 1684, by Capt. John Wing who came from Boston and located, it is said, on Fort River, now called Mill Brook, a short distance above Lincoln Square, where a tract of 80 acres of land surrounding his mill, and on the north side of the brook, with exclusive privilege of its water, was assigned to Capt. Wing in 1685.

Owing to a lack of confidence in the pretended friendship of the

Nipmuck Indians and other tribes who frequented this locality, the settlement came to a stand-still and was even quite deserted from 1686 until the conclusion of peace with the Indians in 1713.

In October of that year Mr. Jonas Rice, with his family, moved into the town, and for more than a year were the only white occupants. The boldness of Mr. Rice having established confidence in the safety of a renewal of the settlement, several families found their way within the bounds of Worcester in the year 1715. The records are silent so far as I have been able to learn as to whether Capt. Wing's saw-mill was found intact at this time or not; but another was soon built by Mr. Obediah Ward of Sudbury, who was born Dec. 10, 1663, son of Richard and Mary More Ward, and grandson of William Ward, one of the early settlers of Sudbury, and proprietor of lands there as early as 1639. Obediah married Joanna Harrington of Watertown, Dec. 20, 1693, and settled in Sudbury. In 1716, he came to Worcester and erected this saw-mill on Mill Brook near the present location of Mr. Geo. Crompton's Loom Works on Green street. This mill he bequeathed by his will, dated Dec. 16, 1717, to his eldest son, Richard, and died in Worcester the day following its execution, aged 55 years.

Richard was born in 1694, and married Lydia Wheelock of Sudbury, Jan. 1, 1718. After living some years in Worcester he moved to Holden where he died in 1756, aged 62 years.

Jonas, son of Richard, married Abigail Child, of Newton, where they lived for some time, but in 1744 were in Worcester, in 1759 in Shrewsbury, in 1774 in Sutton. It is uncertain whether any other of Richard's children made their home in Worcester.

In 1718 the village of Worcester boasted of about 200 inhabitants and 58 dwellings, constructed principally of logs, with oiled paper to let in the light, in place of window glass that being a luxury few families could afford.

Again the peace of the country was disturbed by the renewal of Indian hostilities, and the growth of all the frontier towns received a severe check. From 1722 to 1765 the struggle with the Indians and French invaders absorbed the attention of the early settlers, and many of the new plantations were left to languish for a time, and for many years previous to 1731, Worcester ranked

5 among the towns in the county, in population and valuation.

In 1719 Mr. Simon Gates of Marlboro, a son of Simon and Sarah (Woods) Gates, born Dec. 11, 1710, took unto himself a wife, Miss Sarah Howe, and came to Worcester, taking up his residence on the southerly side of what is now Coes' pond, and soon after erected a saw-mill on the site where now stands Mr. Loring Coes' brick shop, on Tatnuck Brook. When the workmen were putting in the foundation for this shop the old mud-sills of Mr. Gates' mill were found in a good state of preservation, they having been for many years buried deep under the surface of the ground.

In 1790 the inhabitants of Worcester numbered 2014, showing an increase in 72 years, of 1844 persons. The population in 1820 was 2962, and during the next five years about 700 more were added to the number. This growth in population caused a greater demand for lumber, and other saw-mills were put in operation as necessity required. The owners or lessees of these mills were not only the manufacturers but dealers, filling orders for frames and finish lumber directly from their mill-yards.

As early as 1770 Mr. Thomas Drury is said to have had a saw-mill in operation in the south part of the town, (now Auburn); also Josiah Rice, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, owned another some years later just north but near the present boundary line of Auburn on what is now called Kettle Brook. Stowell's mill on Weasel brook in the north part of the town was built in 1773. Deacon Elijah Waters advertised his saw-mill, at Millbury, for sale, March 6, 1815; also one located a mile from the centre of the town of Leicester, belonging to Peter Slater, was placed on the market about the same time. Coming down a little later we find Pickford's mill on Tatnuck brook, Kelly's on Beaver brook at its junction with Pleasant street, Sargent's at Cherry Valley, Patch and Moore's on Tatnuck brook, just above Coes' Pond. These mills were of a very simple pattern with an up and down saw, manufacturing lumber not more than 16 feet in length, while all timber over that length was hewn from the log.

A first class mill at this time could saw 1000 feet of boards every day in the year, a fact of which the owners boasted; but what a contrast when we compare that with the capacity of one

of the modern mills which with one circular saw will cut 20 to 25 thousand feet per day.

As early as 1815, and previous to that time, the store keepers began to receive lumber in exchange for merchandise. Mr. Frazier Sargent opened a new store one door south of the Bank, and under date of Jan. 11, 1815, advertised to receive all kinds of lumber in payment for domestic cotton, woollen and other goods, of which he kept a general assortment; but I have been unable to learn whether much lumber passed through the hands of Mr. Sargent or not.

On the 22 day of May, 1816, Mr. Horatio Gates Henshaw opened a store at New Worcester near the present location of the residence of the late A. G. Coes, offering for sale a general assortment of goods such as was usually kept in a country store; advertising to receive lumber in exchange for goods. On the 26th day of Feb., 1817, he advertised for sale a quantity of boards and other lumber on liberal credit; and on the 17th day of Sept., 1817, he gave notice in the Spy of his removal into his new store on the opposite side of the street, which was where the Elmwood House now stands. For many years Mr. Henshaw carried on a successful business, continuing the sale of lumber as late as 1824. He was born at Leicester in 1788, and was son of Col. William Henshaw of Revolutionary fame who was born in Boston in 1735, and removed to Leicester with his father, Daniel Henshaw Esq., in 1748. Mr. Horatio Gates Henshaw, when a young man, served his time as clerk in the store of Mr. Stephen Salisbury, father of the present Hon. Stephen Salisbury. After retiring from business at New Worcester, Mr. Henshaw returned to Leicester and was for many years, until 1845, cashier of the Leicester Bank.

On the 16th day of Sept. 1822, a copartnership was formed between John W. Stiles and Benjamin Butman. They immediately opened a store two doors north of the Brick Hotel, where they offered for sale a general assortment of goods such as was usually kept in a country store, not even omitting the rum and molasses then so common. They also advertised to receive lumber of good quality in exchange for other goods, and business was continued at this place under the firm name of Stiles and

Batman four years, when the firm was dissolved Sept. 20, 1826, and on the same day Mr Butman formed a new association with Mr. Alfred Dwight Foster, and continued the same business under the style of Benjamin Butman & Co.

Mr. John W. Stiles was born in Keene N. H., a brother of Jeremiah Stiles, the painter, who was so well known in Worcester in the early part of this century, and was drowned in Long Pond. Their father was Capt. Jeremiah Stiles who served in the revolutionary war, receiving special notice for services rendered on several occasions. He was a representative from Keene for twelve years. Mr. John W. Stiles passed his younger days in his native town, where he married Mary MacCarty, while a student in the office of her father, Dr. MacCarty. He soon went to Templeton Mass., and engaged in mercantile business, where he remained until April 9th, 1821, when he came to Worcester and was prosperous as a business man.

He built the house next east from the Library Building on Elm street, where he resided at the time of his death. He left two daughters, Lydia who married A. D. Foster, and Mary MacCarty who married Henry K. Newcomb, for many years Crier of the Courts, and son of Judge Newcomb of Greenfield.

The old firm had established quite a lumber business, and the new one, Benjamin Butman & Co., advertised, Aug. 29, 1827, in connection with other trade, Northern and Eastern lumber. Perhaps they were the first to bring eastern lumber into Worcester, for sale, it then having to be transported with teams from Boston. In the fall of 1828, on the opening of the Blackstone Canal, this firm received lumber in considerable quantities from Bangor, Maine, and must have carried on quite a trade in this line until the dissolution of the copartnership, July 28, 1835.

Alfred Dwight Foster was son of Hon. Dwight Foster, born in Brookfield Mass., a graduate of Harvard University in 1819, and studied law in the office of Samuel M. Burnside Esq., of Worcester. He was admitted to the bar in 1822, and after two year's practice in his native town he came to Worcester in 1825 and became a law partner with Mr. Burnside who retired from practice in 1827. He was representative from Worcester in 1831, 1832 and 1833. He was selectman in 1832; one of the trustees of

the State Lunatic Hospital, and treasurer of that institution for many years from 1833. In 1831 he delivered the annual address before the scholars, teachers and friends of the Center School District. He was secretary of the Worcester Lyceum in 1832, and its president in 1836. He was the first president of the Quinsigamond Bank, in 1833, and one of the original trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society to which office he was chosen Sept 19, 1840. He died in August, 1852, aged 52. All the duties of the many offices of trust which he held were discharged with ability and fidelity, and he was one of our most respected citizens.

After the retirement of Mr. Foster from the firm of Benjamin Butman & Co., the business was continued by Mr. Butman, and on the 30th day of Sept., 1835, he offered for sale two cargos of Bangor lumber which he was then receiving by Railroad and Canal. He sold out to Mr. E. F. Dixie, April 6th, 1836, which was perhaps the end of his trade in lumber, although some years later he was again engaged in the grocery business.

Benjamin Butman was son of Benjamin Butman, senior, the Tailor, whose shop was on the east side of Main street, at Lincoln Square, it being the second building south of the corner; and his residence was at one time on the westerly side of Salisbury street near the Jo Bill road, where Benjamin Jr. was born, March 8th, 1787. Mr. Butman Sr. afterward kept the Hancock Arms Tavern, which stood on the west side of Lincoln street a short distance above the Square. About 1805, he removed to Dixmont, Maine, where he died June 8th, 1843.

Benjamin Butman Jr. when a young man, was clerk in the drug store of Messrs Dix and Brinley, at Boston, afterwards establishing himself in business at Portland, Maine, and while a merchant there, married Sally Robinson, Feb. 22, 1813, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary (Stevens) Robinson, of Worcester.

After some years of close application, his health failing, he went to New Orleans where he remained a few years and then returned to Worcester and formed the copartnership with Mr. Stiles as before mentioned. His wife died Sept. 9th, 1828, and he married for his second wife Mrs Maria Cooley of Longmeadow Mass., daughter of Col. Burt, Oct. 1829.

Mr. Butman was an energetic, honest business man, and did much for the growth and improvement of Worcester. In 1818 he purchased the Ward estate, consisting of about 30 acres of land, located on the west side of Main street, nearly opposite the Common. In 1825 he sold one acre of the land on which stood the Ward or Sheriff Chandler mansion, to Calvin Willard, who in 1834 conveyed it to the late Judge Barton. Mr. Butman, about 1827, built the house now owned and occupied by Dr. Joseph Sargent, where he lived for several years.

Mr. Butman was Deacon of the second parish church for 13 years, was one of the original stock holders of the Central Bank, and president of that corporation from 1828 till 1836. In Octo-  
of that year he was chosen the first president of the Citizens' Bank, and was treasurer of the Worcester Lyceum in 1830. He built Brinley block and Butman block on Main street, besides adding many other improvements to town and city. He died at his residence on May street, May 12th, 1872, and his wife died March 19th 1876.

Previous to 1828 Worcester had been a farming village with less than 4000 inhabitants, but the sudden increase of trade and the general activity of busines, caused by the opening of the Blackstone Canal in October of that year, induced new hands to embark in mercantile pursuits. Mr. Hammond Howe, Nov. 26, 1828, advertised lumber, including Carolina Hard Pine Flooring, for sale at his yard on Central street, at the head of the Canal. On the 24th of Dec. of the same year, he formed a connection with Nathan Perkins and David Scribner, of Brunswick, Maine, and Samuel R. Jackson also of Maine, for the purpose of carrying on the lumber business in Worcester, under the style of Howe, Jackson & Co., at the Blackstone Canal Lumber Yard. They then had two cargos of lumber at Providence awaiting transportation by Canal to Worcester. For four years this firm flourished, but was dissolved Jan. 23, 1832.

On the 8th of Feb. 1832, Mr. Howe formed a new copartnership with a Mr. Thaxter, under the firm name of Howe & Thaxter, continuing the sale of lumber in connection with East India goods, flour, Grain &c., but they were not very successful, enjoying a short life of about one year.

Mr. Howe was from Shrewsbury, born Sept. 14, 1804, a son of Lyman and Sylvia (Slocomb) Howe, grandson of Gideon, and great grandson of Capt. Daniel Howe.

Samuel R. Jackson, after making his residence in Worcester for several years, went to Providence, R. I., and from there to California. On returning home the vessel in which he sailed was wrecked on the Pacific coast, but he was rescued and finally reached his family in safety at Providence. When the sad news announcing the above named disaster reached his home, prayers were offered in church, but the voice of the venerable pastor had hardly ceased to echo before Mr. Jackson appeared among his friends, having reached Providence almost as soon as the news of his probable death.

As early as Dec., 1828, Mr. Daniel Heywood kept Eastern Pine and Cedar Shingles for sale, and on the 21st of April, 1830, advertised "Messrs. Patch and Moore's No. 1 & 2 Bundle Laths constantly on hand, superior to all, and sold lower than any other make." Mr. Heywood sold lumber for several years, from his store on the south corner of Main and Elm streets, but his trade was confined principally to short lumber. He was son of Capt. Daniel, and grandson of Deacon Daniel Heywood.

About 1829, Dea. Alpheus Merrifield opened a yard for the sale of lumber on the north side of Central street, near Summer street. He was a carpenter and builder, carrying on that business in connection with the lumber trade.

Mr. Merrifield was born Nov. 12, 1779, son of Timothy who came to Worcester from Sherborn about 1780, and settled in the north part of the town, on the old turnpike, between Holden and Shrewsbury. Alpheus married Mary Trowbridge, daughter of Dea. William Trowbridge who lived in the south part of the town. Dea. Merrifield was one of the staunch men of the town, often occupying places of responsibility and trust. He was Deacon of the second parish church for 20 years from 1827, was Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor for several years, and for four years one of the selectmen of the town. He was one of the Directors of the Worcester Association for the mutual detecting of thieves, Surveyor of Highways for the first district in 1845, and one of the Assessors in 1850.

Mr. Merrifield resided on Summer street, near Central, and for nearly a quarter of a century was a lumber dealer in Worcester, continuing the business until his death in 1853.

Mr. William T. Merrifield, son of Dea. Alpheus, began the sale of lumber in 1831, opening a yard near his residence on Summer street, near Bridge street, at first confining his trade mainly to shingles and clapboards. In 1835, he removed his business to Exchange street, where he associated with the sale of lumber the manufacture of sash, blinds, and general house finish; also the taking of houses to build by contract.

Previous to 1830 nearly all the lumber consumed here had been obtained within the limits of the town, but in 1835 the demand had so far increased that it became necessary to draw the supply from neighboring places. Holden, Princeton, Hubbardston, Templeton, Gardner, Winchendon, New Salem, Orange and Frying, all, each in its turn, were robbed of their choicest and best timber, that Worcester might be developed into a prosperous city. The price for common lumber, in 1833, was about \$8 per thousand feet, and the best qualities could be purchased at \$15 per thousand.

For many years Mr. William T. Merrifield in company with his father often made tours through the towns above mentioned, visiting the various saw-mills, for the purpose of making contracts for lumber during the season, or to purchase special lots that might come to their notice, all of which had to be conveyed to Worcester by teams; and after all this labor and expense, notwithstanding the fact that very little labor saving machinery was then in use, by which the contractor or builder could gain any advantage, yet at this time, a house of good size and style could be constructed for from \$850 to \$1100.

In 1837 or 1838 Mr. Merrifield put in operation some machinery for working lumber, such as circular saws and a Daniels planer, (a Worcester invention) driven by horse power. In 1840 he established the first steam planing mill in the town.

In 1842 he erected a steam mill in the town of Princeton for the manufacture of lumber, clearing off 600 acres of timber land around this first mill of the kind in Worcester County. Mr. Merrifield continued the manufacture and sale of lumber until

the building of his extensive machine shops on Exchange street.

The first circular saw used in Worcester was set in operation at the Old Red Mills on Green street, by Mr. Lewis Brown who also had in use the first steam engine in the town, and though it was an object of great curiosity, its motive power was of little value for practical use.

In June 1834, Messrs. D. & J. Bennett of Hubbardston, John F. Clark and Nathan Heard of Worcester, advertised for sale at their yard on Summer street, corner of Central street, a general assortment of lumber, but confined themselves principally to Northern or country stock, but they continued the business only a short time.

On the 18th day of Feb., 1845, Mr. Elbridge Hewett, father of the present Mr. George F. Hewett, offered for sale Northern round edge lumber on the stand formerly occupied by Messrs Howe & Thaxter, on Central street. Mr. Hewett was also engaged in the grocery business, and the running of teams carrying supplies to towns in the northern portion of the county returning with lumber to replenish his stock in trade; but he discontinued the sale of lumber in 1850.

Mr. Hewitt was a native of Uxbridge, and after the opening of the canal run the boat "John Tyler" and later was engaged in the grocery trade on Central street, near the canal.

On Friday the 3d day of July, 1835, the people of Worcester were delighted by the arrival of the long expected passenger train from Boston, laden with the Directors and a number of their friends, to witness the completion of the Boston and Worcester Railroad, which, after a short stop at the Foster street station, returned to Boston the same night. The next day, according to previous arrangement, two trains, each composed of eleven cars drawn by two engines, started simultaneously from Boston and Worcester, passing over the road twice each way during the day, carrying over 1500 passengers. This was but preliminary to the grand opening celebration, which occurred on Monday July 6th.

A committee of arrangements composed of 30 persons, with Charles Allen Esq. as chairman, had made ample preparation for entertaining all persons sufficiently interested in the prosperity of the town and the success of the railroad enterprise, to be

present and participate in the festivities of this grand occasion.

Early in the day the people from the surrounding towns began to flock in, giving the streets a lively appearance, while from the window and house-top fluttered the time honored Stars and Stripes. About 1 o'clock P. M. the train arrived from Boston, bringing some 300 invited guests, including directors, stock-holders and their friends. They came in twelve cars propelled by two engines. A vast concourse of citizens had congregated at the depot to meet them, and the arrival of the train was announced by the ringing of bells and the discharge of cannon.

A procession was formed under the direction of Gen. Nathan Heard as chief Marshal, and moved under the escort of the Worcester Light Infantry, under command of Capt. Chas. H. Geer, to the Town Hall, where in the lower part of the building collation had been prepared for the invited guests. The throng was so great as to make it necessary to issue tickets of admission to the tables, in order to prevent confusion, and award proper treatment to those who were to be entertained.

Hon. Levi Lincoln presided, and among the guests were Hon. Edward Everett, the venerable Chief Justice Artemas Ward, Hon. Francis Baylies, Hon. George Bliss, Hon. Alexander H. Everett, Hon. Josiah Quincy, Hon. Nathan Hale, Julius Rockwell, Esq. and many other prominent citizens of our own State, and some from neighboring States.

On the 23d of Sept., 1835, the Boston and Worcester Railroad was formally opened to freight traffic by advertising that Freight and merchandize generally would be transported from Boston to Worcester at \$3.50 per 2000 pounds, and that wool, feathers and other light and bulky articles would be charged higher.

At the time of the opening of the Blackstone Canal, the population of Worcester was about 4000, and for the ten years preceding that event the increase was very slow, the rate being about 121 per year. Following that occurrence, and up to the completion of the Boston and Albany Railroad, the increase was 2611 souls, or 373 per annum, showing that water communication with Providence R. I. had been a great advantage, and had stimulated the growth of Worcester in a marked degree, and now the railroad was to give it a new impetus, for during the next

fifteen years the population increased at the rate of about 425 each year, with a corresponding advancement in business affairs.

There were, in 1835, four lumber dealers in the town, Deacon Benjamin Butman, Deacon Alpheus Merrifield, his son William T. Merrifield and Mr. Elbridge Hewett, who did almost the entire business. Others may have done something, but in a small or secondary way.

The competition of the railroad presented disadvantages as well as advantages. The lumber dealers in Boston advertised their stock in the Worcester papers, creating something of a competition, which continued to some extent until lumber was placed by rail in Worcester as cheaply as in Boston, an accomplishment attained only within the past ten or twelve years.

On the 18th of May, 1836, Alvin Waite & Co. offered for sale a general assortment of eastern and northern lumber, at their yard on Summer street, opposite the Hospital. Mr. Waite was a carpenter and builder by trade, a native of Hubbardston, from whence he came to Worcester. He owned quite an estate, including his residence on Summer street, near Howard, which street he built up, as well as the greater part of Blackstone street.

He afterwards built a fine residence on the corner of Main and Chandler streets where he died. This place was afterwards owned by Thomas H. Dodge Esq. who sold it to the Park street Methodist Society, and it is now used by them as a parsonage having been moved to the rear of the lot to make room for the Trinity Church edifice. Mr. Waite was at one time engaged with William J. Baker in the iron business on Manchester street in an old building now used by Mr. Baker for storing lumber.

On the 4th day of July, 1838, Joseph Pratt and Mr. Edward Earle advertised to sell Eastern boards, plank, joist, clapboards and shingles, at Washington Square, under the style of Joseph Pratt & Co. This firm was dissolved Feb. 27th, 1839, and a new copartnership was formed by the same men for the sale of iron and steel, using the firm name of Edward Earle & Co., doing business at Washington Square as before. Mr. Pratt is still engaged in the same business on the same spot, with Mr Francis H. Inman. Mr. Earle was the late Mayor Earle whose goodness and ability were so well known to Worcester people.

On the 10th of April, 1839, Ayres, Woodworth & Co. offered boards, shingles and laths for sale, on the west side of Washington Square, adding brick to their stock in trade. In the month of Oct. following, Geo. M. Rice & Co. advertised to sell Eastern clapboards in connection with lime and cement, having a store at Washington Square; also one on Central street, near the canal.

Mr. Rice is at present treasurer of the Rice, Barton and Fales Manufacturing Co., and president of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company. The amount of lumber business transacted by the firms just mentioned was not large, evidently of a secondary nature, and not requiring much of their time.

On the 28th of August, 1839, Henry Goulding & Co., manufacturers of woolen machinery, with shops on School street, added the sale of lumber to their business. They advertised all kinds of Eastern Bangor stock, and to do repairing, jobbing &c.

For four or five years this firm conducted quite an extensive trade, receiving large quantities of lumber from the east.

Gradually they began to relinquish this department of their business, finally giving their whole attention to machinery.

Henry Goulding was brother of Eli and Peter, now residents of this city, and father of the present William H. Goulding who resides at No. 26 Harvard street, where his father died, Jan. 30, 1866, aged 63 years.

On the 15th of June, 1841, a yard was opened on Park street, near the Norwich and Worcester Railroad track, by Mr. James C. Morse, where for about two years he carried on the lumber business, advertising pine and cedar shingles to be sold at less than Boston prices with the addition of freight. He kept Georgia yellow pine strips for flooring, and received Eastern lumber in considerable quantities from Bangor, that place then being the great lumber fountain. In the course of a year or two, Mr. Morse became financially embarrassed, and from July 26, 1843, Mr. A. P. Barnes conducted the business as agent until Dec. 20, when Mr. Benjamin Butlum took the yard and introduced the sale of coal, lime and wood, in connection with lumber.

Mr. Morse came to Worcester from Canterbury Ct., where he had been living on his father's farm. His residence while here was at the corner of Park and the westerly side of Portland street,

and his office stood near the centre of the location now occupied by the Norwich and Worcester freight house, with yard extending back on line with the railroad tracks nearly to Myrtle street, embracing the land now used by the corporation for their engine house and repair shops. At this time freight for this road was received at their passenger station on Mechanic and Norwich streets. Mr. Morse continued at his old stand in the employ of Mr. Buffum a short time, and then became a partner with him for a year or two, perhaps till 1848, when the lumber business was discontinued on Park street. He was afterwards employed as salesman in the yard at Washington Square, and later by Mr. Daniels at the Grove street yard, also by Mr. Chamberlin at the same place. He finally went to Chicago to reside with a daughter, where he now lives.

Mr. Benjamin Buffum continued the sale of lumber and coal on Park street about four years when, in 1848, he opened another yard at Washington Square, on the spot now known as the City Lumber Yard, at the same time continuing the coal trade at Park street. About 1849 he sold out the coal, lime and wood business to Mr. Thomas Earle, who conducted it but a short time, when, about 1850, Mr. Buffum disposed of his lumber yard at Washington Square to Thomas and Oliver K. Earle, brothers, and resumed the coal trade on Park street, which he, in 1851, probably bargained to J. M. Huntington & Co., as they appear to have succeeded to that business. Mr. Buffum returned to Providence from whence he came. While in Worcester his residence was at No. 2, Pleasant street.

Messrs. T. & O. K. Earle appeared in 1851 with a flaming advertisement and drew a fine picture of the advantages to be offered at the City Lumber Yard, where they did a large and prosperous business until Feb. 1857, when Mr. Oliver K. Earle left the firm to engage with Mr. Dana H. Fitch in the foundry business, afterwards carried on by Earle & Jones on Southbridge street.

Thomas continued alone until 1861, when Mr. Charles A. Tenney, who had been in his employ as clerk and book-keeper, became associated with him under the style of Earle & Tenney.

In 1862 another change was made in the firm name by adding "Co." in the person of Jonathan L. Sloem, the object of which

seemed to be to allow Mr. Earle to try the chances of war, for that year he enlisted for three years, was made a Lieutenant, and served in the 25th Reg. Mass. Volunteers. In 1864 the sale of lime and cement was added to their already large business, with black walnut, whitewood, ash and cherry, the following year. I think it can safely be said that the partnership to which Mr. Earle belonged conducted as large and successful a business according to the time they were engaged as any other firm thus far in the history of the lumber trade of this city.

About 1865 Mr. Tenney retired from the concern, and in 1867 Mr. Peter J. Turner became associated with Mr. Earle, and for some years the business was carried on in the name of Earle & Turner. After a time Mr. Earle's health became impaired and he made a European tour with the hope of regaining it, but on his return much trouble, aside from his business, wasted his strength, and with the breaking up of his family, his reason left him and he was taken to the Lunatic Asylum where he died, deeply lamented by relatives, and receiving unbounded sympathy from many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Thomas Earle was a twin brother of the present Timothy K. Earle of this city, born at Leicester Jan. 11, 1823, son of Henry, and grandson of Robert Jr. Robert Sr. was son of Ralph Earle, the ancestor of all the families of that name in Leicester, to which place he removed from Rhode Island in 1717. Mr. Thomas Earle first began business in Providence R. I., in the boot and shoe trade, where he remained but a short time, coming to Worcester and taking up the same trade, having a store on Main street until about 1849, when he engaged in the coal trade on Park street.

In 1844 Mr. Eli Goulding, a carpenter by trade, advertised to sell lumber, and continued so doing for several years, having a yard in various places at various times, at least on Orchard, Union and Grove streets. He, in company with Mr. Joseph E. Gregory, started what is now known as the Grove street yard in 1856; but in 1858, 1859 and 1860, Mr. William O. Thompson conducted the business at this yard.

In 1851, Leonard R. and Ozias Hudson, carpenters and builders, makers of doors and blinds, kept an assortment of lumber for sale, on the corner of Union and Central streets. The short

experience of one year was considered to be quite enough for them. In the year 1844 there were in Worcester six sash and blind manufacturers and over one hundred carpenters and builders, being about one carpenter to each 100 inhabitants. In 1876 there were about 500 carpenters, leaving just about the same proportion as before, showing that the same general law of supply and demand is in operation now that existed then.

In the year 1841, Mr. John Gates and Mr. William G. Maynard, both of whom had been in the employ of Henry Goulding & Co., formed a copartnership under the style of Gates and Maynard, as sextons and undertakers, at No. 30 School street. They also advertised to sell pine plank, boards, clapboards, and rived cedar shingles, very low for cash. This business was continued until the spring of 1846, when they divided up, Mr. Maynard retaining the business as sexton, and Mr. Gates the lumber business, opening a new yard, April 1st, 1846, on Union street, where for nearly thirty-two years he lent his presence to the development of that trade, begining in a small way and gradually working up to a large and prosperous business; but the financial disaster of 1857 compelled him to ask his creditors for a compromise, which was adjusted at about 50 cents on the dollar. Mr. Gates then applied himself to business with renewed energy, and the fortunes of trade again turned in his favor, so that within a few years he had so far regained his financial strength as to be able to pay up the balance due to many of his old creditors, much to their satisfaction and his credit. During war time Mr. Gates did a very large business, necessarily carrying a large stock of various kinds of lumber, and the swift advancing prices from 1862 to 1866 added very largely to his profits each year.

In 1866 his son, George A. Gates, was made a partner under the style of John Gates & Co., which was continued about 11 years. In 1870 this firm purchased of Mr. Thomas Earle, his interest in the City Lumber Yard at Washington Square, forming a copartnership with Mr. Turner under the style of P. J. Turner & Co., carrying on this yard in addition to the one on Union street. Mr. Peter J. Turner retired from this firm in 1873, although his name was used by Messrs. Gates, who gradually changed their business from Union street to the yard at

Washington Square, continuing at the latter place till the death of the senior Mr. Gates, which occurred Dec. 12, 1877.

Although there have been times within the past six years that the estate of John Gates & Co. was variously estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000, yet at this time the depression in the value of real estate, together with severe losses in trade, compelled those interested in the matter to close up the business.

Thus we have followed out the course of the oldest lumber firm in the number of years engaged, yet connected with the history of Worcester, and one whose varied experiences are but a representation of the history of families, neighborhoods, towns, states and nations. Rise and fall, addition and diminution, success and adversity seem to be fixed laws of the universe.

Mr. John Gates was twice a member of the City Council, and twice a representative to the General Court.

In 1858, Charles Baker and William J., his brother, purchased the estate on Manchester street now owned by them, where they, in company, began the manufacture of boxes, purchasing native country lumber in considerable quantities for their own use, and offering for sale such portions of the stock as the trade might demand. From this they gradually grew into a larger trade, and for many years their business continued to increase, finally calling for the erection of their new brick shop on Union street, where they added the manufacture of builders' finish and general planing mill work, using the estate on Manchester street as well as their yard on Grove street, which they took possession of in Nov., 1871, for storing lumber. For many years they have been extensive dealers in all kinds of lumber, doing business in the name of Charles Baker & Co.

They are sons of Mr. James Baker of Phillipston in this county, where they were born, William J. in May, 1821. He came to Worcester in Dec., 1843, going to work for Mr. Alvin Waite at the carpenter's trade. He was subsequently in the employ of Mr. Osgood Bradley on car work, after which he went to Norwich Ct., where for three years he worked on cars, returning to Worcester in 1852, to engage in the iron business with Mr. Alvin Waite and a Mr. Chadsey of Whitford R. I. The burning of their foundry in June, 1855, caused a dissolution

of the copartnership, and Mr. Baker, in Oct. following, started the box business in the Adriatic mill, at South Worcester, remaining there until 1858. Charles Baker was born in April, 1828, and came to Worcester in 1855, and was engaged in mercantile and insurance business until 1858, when he became associated with his brother, William J. Baker.

About the year 1860, Mr. William P. Daniels, a native of Pelham, Mass., a carpenter by trade, succeeded Eli Goulding and William O. Thompson at the Grove street yard. Mr. Daniels never attempted to do a large lumber business, but for about two years occupied the yard in a small way, mainly in furnishing house frames, and hemlock boards in car-load lots. He afterwards rented the old wooden freight house at Lincoln Square, of the Worcester and Nashua R. R. Co., where he continued the sale of lumber until May, 1871, when he retired from active business, and lived but a few years afterwards.

In Feb., 1862, Mr. Joseph Chamberlin came to Worcester, and succeeded Mr. Wm. P. Daniels at the Grove street yard, selling lumber as agent for John W. Hooper, of Orange, N. H. In the spring of 1866 Mr. Chamberlin, in company with Mr. Marshall S. Ballard, of Worcester, purchased Mr. Hooper's interest and continued the business in the name of Chamberlin & Co.

Mr. Ballard sold his interest to Thomas J. Hall, of Upton, in the spring of 1867, who in the fall of that year disposed of it to Mr. C. B. Knight, who remained with Mr. Chamberlin something more than a year, and retired in the spring of 1869, to make room for Mr. Charles W. Wright of New Hampshire, who in the autumn of the same year, gave way for the incoming partner, Mr. William H. Sawyer, who also withdrew, Feb. 1, 1871. In Nov. of that year, Mr. Chamberlin sold out the remaining stock, with the lease of the yard, to Messrs. Charles Baker & Co.

Mr. Chamberlin was born at Milford, N. H., Feb. 22, 1821, son of Joseph and Sally (Abbott) Chamberlin, who removed to Lyndeborough, N. H., when their son Joseph was but two years of age. Mr. Chamberlin is a man who has passed through many experiences of a social, financial and political nature, even before making his residence in Worcester. Since 1871 he has done something in the way of wholesaling lumber, as agent for various

manufacturers and other persons dealing in such merchandize.

In April, 1862, Messrs. Garfield and Parker sold country lumber in Worcester, having a yard at first on Front street, at the corner of Salem, where now stands C. C. Houghton's boot manufactory. In 1867, they moved to Church street, where the Last factory now stands, and from there to School street, in 1869. Their sales of lumber were strictly confined to country stock, bringing in from the country mills with their own teams.

Moses M. Garfield, son of Moses, is a native of Princeton in Worcester County. David F. Parker, son of Timothy, is a native of Holden, and at the present time is commissioner of highways for the city of Worcester, which office he has held for several years.

In April, 1867, Jonathan C. French and Ellery B. Crane formed a copartnership for the sale of lumber, styled French & Crane, and opened a yard on Madison street. Mr. Crane soon purchased the interest of Mr. French, and for five years carried on the business alone. In the summer of 1871, he leased the James Estabrook estate at the corner of Southbridge and Madison streets, where he erected new lumber sheds and continued the business. On the first day of May, 1873, a copartnership was formed by Mr. Crane and William S. Perry Jr., since which time the business has been transacted under the name and style of E. B. Crane & Co.

In 1868, Mr. Charles A. Tenney established the Shrewsbury street yard. After his retirement from the firm of Earl, Tenney & Co., he had been somewhat engaged in selling woolen cloths, having a store or salesroom on Main street opposite the city hall, but his strong energy and extensive experience in the lumber trade had unfitted him for anything so tame as selling woolens. He displayed great care and spared no expense in fitting up this yard with every convenience for doing a large business, but died in 1870, without long enjoying the fruits of his labor.

On the first day of Sept., 1870, Lorenzo L. Kenney, Lucius D. and Louis T. Hazen, and Hazen W. Fiske, formed a copartnership for the sale of lumber, and leased the Shrewsbury street yard just before Mr. Tenney's death. They were men of means, with large experience as manufacturers of lumber in northern New

Hampshire, but little as retail dealers. Prosperity followed them for two years, but in the fall of 1872, the Messrs. Hazens retired from the firm. In 1875 the lease of the Shrewsbury street yard having expired, land was purchased on Mulberry street, where the business was continued by Mr. Kenney and H. W. Fiske, under the style of L. C. Kenney & Co., until their failure, in the spring of 1877, the firm finding relief in the bankruptcy court.

Mr. Kenney soon opened another office for the sale of lumber at wholesale, and after having associated himself with Frederick E. Fay, again began the retail trade on Central street in the name of Kenney & Fay, where they are now in full operation.

Mr. Kenney came to this city from Littleton, N. H., where his father Edward O. Kenney still resides. L. D. & L. T. Hazen are brothers, born at Hartford Vt, Lucius in 1834, Louis in 1837, sons of Lucius of Hartford Vt.

William H. Sawyer came to Worcester from New Hampshire in Sept., 1869, and engaged as salesman for Messrs. Chamberlin & Co., April 1, 1870, and became a partner in the business, but on the 1st day of Feb., 1871, he withdrew from this firm and associated himself with W. P. Daniels, then doing business in the old freight house at Lincoln Square.

After a few months Mr. Daniels retired from the business leaving Mr. Sawyer alone, who, in April, 1872, purchased the Dr. Blood estate, or what is more recently known as the Burbank estate, on the westerly side of Lincoln street, some distance above the Square, which he fitted up with sheds &c. for the lumber business, and where he is now engaged in conducting a prosperous trade.

This brings us to the last subject of our sketch in the matter of The Lumber Interest in Worcester, and perhaps the *shortest* legitimate dealer, and yet the *longest* one, Mr. Charles B. Knight, he being about six and one half feet in height. He was born in Leicester, son of the late Horace Knight of that town.

His first experience as a retail lumber dealer in this city was with Mr. Joseph Chamberlin at the Grove street yard, beginning in the spring of 1868, which engagement lasted but a brief time, when he associated himself with Mr. W. P. Daniels for a short time. In the summer of 1871 he firmly established himself with

a partner, Mr. J. C. Davidson, in the lumber trade on the yard just then vacated by E. B. Crane, on Madison street, where they did a successful business until the retirement of Mr. Davidson in the spring of 1872. Immediately succeeding this event a co-partnership was formed by Mr. Knight, Sextus P. Goddard and William P. Goddard for continuing the trade, under the style of Knight, Goddard, & Co. The looking after two partners and the business beside, was too much for Mr. Knight, and he soon retired from the firm on account of failing health, the trade continuing in the name of Goddard & Co. On the first day of Jan. 1873, Mr. Knight had so far regained his health as to encourage him to buy out the entire firm of Goddard & Co., and he resumed business under the firm name of C. B. Knight & Co. The business was successfully conducted by Mr. Knight till the summer of 1874, when, owing to the pressure of the time, the stock was closed out in such a manner as to reflect credit on his financial ability and skill as a tradesman.

The next regular meeting of the Society was held Tuesday evening, May 7th, there being a good attendance of members and several visitors, among whom were Hon. J. Warren Bigelow of Rutland, Rev. Geo. Allen and Albert Curtis Esq. of Worcester.

The following letter from Mr. John E. Russell of Leicester, was read at this meeting:—

LEICESTER, MASS., APRIL 6, 1878.

DANIEL SEAGRAVE Esq.,

*Secretary Wor. Soc. of Antiquity.*

DEAR SIR:—The notification that I had been unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of your Society, was received here in my absence, and mislaid, or I should have sent an earlier acknowledgment. I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by your Society, and gratefully accept it. I shall do all in my power to assist the objects of the Association.

Very truly yours,

JOHN E. RUSSELL.

Among the many letters acknowledging the receipt of our Proceedings for 1877, we take the liberty of printing the following, from Benson J. Lossing, LL.D, an Honorary member of the Society:—

THE RIDGE, DOVER PLAINS P. O.,  
Duchess County, N. Y., April 20, 1878.  
Samuel E. Staples Esq. President of  
The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

MY DEAR SIR:—I have been absent from home, and this fact is my apology for not sooner acknowledging the kind courtesy of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, in sending me a copy of the proceedings of the Society for the year 1877, together with the inscriptions from the old burial grounds of Worcester. The latter have much more than a local interest, illustrated as they are by valuable notes which are a contribution to our Biographical literature. I cordially thank the Society for it. I have read the record of the Proceedings of the Society, with great interest.

They show a remarkable growth in a brief space of time, not only in membership but in public esteem, giving a sure prophecy of full success. I heartily congratulate the Society on the success of its work in a most delightful field of research.

I regret that I have not been able to be of some use to the Society. It is not for want of inclination but lack of ability or opportunity. I hold that unless a man can, by contributions, add, positively, something useful, to the knowledge or the treasures of a Society, it is wise for him to abstain from intrusion. I will hope for an opportunity.

If a copy of my HISTORY OF THE CIVIL WAR IN AMERICA, in three volumes, containing an aggregate of 1900 pages and over 1000 illustrations, will be acceptable to the Society, I shall take pleasure in presenting a copy.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the Society, and kind salutations for yourself,

I am, dear sir,

Very truly yours.

BENSON J. LOSSING.

The President transmitted the following, in reply to the very interesting letter of Mr. Lossing:—

WORCESTER, APRIL 24, 1878.

BENSON J. LOSSING Esq.,

My dear sir:—

Your esteemed favor of the 20th instant was received last evening, and I hasten to make acknowledgment of the same, and to thank you for its cordial spirit and your appreciation of the efforts of the Society which I have the honor to represent.

The generous offer which you make of a copy of your valuable "History of the Civil War in America," for the library of our Society, will be a most acceptable gift, and will be highly appreciated by our members.

We are doing in a quiet way what we can to collect and preserve historical matter, a number of papers of much interest having been read at our meetings this year, and others are in preparation. The "Departments of Work" which have been arranged are promising good results.

We hope that sometime we may have the pleasure of seeing you in Worcester, that our members may have the honor of your personal acquaintance.

With sincere regard, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

The Librarian reported large accessions of books and pamphlets, among them, the "History of the Civil War in America," in three volumes, by Benson J. Lossing, LL.D.

Francis T. Blackmer Esq., of Worcester, was unanimously elected an active member of the Society. On motion of Mr. Crane, it was voted to invite Col. Israel Plummer, of Northbridge, to read his "History of the Blackstone Canal," at the regular meeting in June. Mr. Jillson read the first installment of his

work on "The Death Penalty in Worcester County," giving the Biography of two of the criminals executed previous to 1745, which was listened to with marked approval. Interesting remarks followed the reading of Mr. Jillson, by Rev. George Allen, Hon. J. Warren Bigelow and Albert Curtis, Esq.

A Special meeting was held at the Hall of the Society, on Saturday, May 25th, 1878, at 8 o'clock P. M. The President, Samuel E. Staples, addressed the members as follows:—

*Gentlemen of the Worcester Society of Antiquity:—*

By a painful and sudden calamity our late associate and friend, RANSOM MILLS GOULD, has been called away from the activities and pleasures of life, to that "bourne from which no traveller returns." All present, doubtless, know something of the circumstances that caused the death of our friend.

Returning from Holden, on Friday afternoon, May 24th, 1878, his horse became frightened on Grove street, near the works of the Washburn & Moen Manufacturing Company, at about six o'clock P. M., where he was thrown from his carriage and received such injuries, that from the time of the accident they were thought to be fatal. He lingered in an unconscious state till two o'clock this morning, the 25th day of May, 1878, when death relieved him from all mortal suffering, and he passed on to the unknown land.

"Beyond the flight of Time,  
    Beyond this vale of death,  
There surely is some blessed clime  
    Where life is not a breath,  
Nor life's affections transient fire,  
    Whose sparks fly upward and expire."

Mr. Gould had been for nearly thirty years a resident of this city, filling various positions of responsibility and trust, and was honorably connected with many of its local associations. He was

widely known as an active political worker, being a prominent member of the Republican Party since its organization, and has done meritorious service in the ranks of that party.

As a Deputy Sheriff, he was an efficient officer, and merited the esteem of all with whom he had business relations.

Mr. Gould was a native of Newfane, Vt., and at the time of his death was President of the association, known as the Sons and Daughters of Vermont. In that Society he took a deep interest, and was chairman of the executive committee of the first reunion, held in this city, Feb. 10th, 1874.

As a member of the Society of Antiquity, he manifested his interest by attendance upon its meetings when his official duties did not prevent, and by his willingness to share the burdens and responsibilities of our Association.

By this unexpected bereavement we are again, in a most forcible manner, reminded of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, showing us that what we desire to accomplish must; if done at all, be done daily and hourly, as each duty presents itself before our eyes.

It seemed to me most fitting and proper that this Society should be called together at this time to adopt some suitable Memorial upon the death of our friend, and we are therefore met to take such action as the circumstances may suggest.

By request of the President, the Rev. Thomas E. St. John prepared the following Memorial, which in his absence, was read by the Secretary.

Died in Worcester, May 25th, 1878, RANSOM MILLS GOULD, aged 56 years. Taken suddenly from the labors of life in the full vigor of his manhood, his death calls for the exercise of serious thought in us all. It is indeed a brittle thread that holds us to this state of existence, and many are the influences that may rend it assunder, and open before us the realities of that world that lies beyond the shadow.

In making a record of this death, the second that has occurred in the list of our active membership since the organization of this

Society, we are impressed with a deep sense of our own dependence and inability to ward off approaching danger. "In the midst of life we are in death." We know not why, but we bow in humble submission to the will that is higher than ours, and trust that what is dark and strange with us, is light with him.

We extend to his bereaved family and friends our most heartfelt sympathy, in this their deep affliction; and although our words may be of little avail in alleviating the sorrow or helping them to bear the burden of grief thus suddenly thrown upon them, yet they reveal the common ties that bind us together, and speak of the source from which we may all gain strength and consolation in time of need.

We mention with grateful remembrance his interest in this Society, his earnest manliness, his cordial greetings, and conscientious life. His record is closed; but the memory of his living remains, and he has not lived in vain.

Brief remarks in eulogy of the deceased were made by Messrs. Jillson, Barton, Harding, Lovell, Johnson, Seagrave and Crane, and on motion, the Memorial was unanimously approved by a rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Crane, it was voted that the members attend the funeral in a body. It was also voted that the Secretary transmit a copy of the Memorial to the family of the deceased, and that the same be published in the newspapers of this city.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, the 28th day of May, 1878, at Plymouth church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George W. Phillips. Appropriate remarks were made by Col. W. S. B. Hopkins, Rev. Thomas E. St. John, Hon. Clark Jillson, Gen. A. B. R. Sprague and Hon. Geo. F. Verry, representing the different bodies and associations with which

the deceased was connected. This Society was represented on the occasion by Messrs. Staples, Crane, St. John, Seagrave, Israel Plummer, O'Flynn, E. F. Thompson, C. R. Johnson, Metcalf, Monroe, Marshall, Thos. E. Bartlett, Sumner, Harding and F. P. Rice. Other members were present, but with other organizations.

By invitation of the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rev. Thos. E. St. John assisted in the devotional services, and in behalf of The Worcester Society of Antiquity spoke as follows:—

There is but one thought in our minds to-day. An honored citizen has been taken from our sight, and with sympathizing hearts we come to pay our tribute of respect. "In the midst of life we are in death. No one knows at what hour the summons will come that calls him hence, and it becomes us to consider with serious intent how we can make life worthy of remembrance.

I can cheerfully and heartily endorse what has been said of our brother and friend in regard to his worth as a man. He was warm and cordial in his friendships, earnest and true in his convictions of right and duty, faithful and just in his business relations. His love for the old made him an interested worker in The Worcester Society of Antiquity; and we have always found him to be a wise counsellor and ready helper in all that could contribute to its success. When the project of preparing an historical sketch of the lives of the members was proposed to him, he said "It is well, but let it be understood that it shall be a sealed book until the man's work is done." Little did we think that his would end so soon.

It is in the light of a great hope that we can speak of him to-day. What better record can a man leave, than that which enables us to say, "He was true to his trust?" That which is built into one's character, of manliness or devotion to principle, never dies. The worker may lie in the dust, but the work goes on.

The body may be laid aside, but the spirit still lives. All that made him worthy of our respect here on the earth remains to add beauty and grace to his spiritual nature, and with confidence may we assert that an immortality of light and truth awaits him there.

For those who were associated with him in the nearer relationships of the family circle, we would express our warmest sympathy, and point to that promise of redemption which the Gospel reveals. There is a light beyond the river; there is a home in the land of the hereafter where the broken ties of earth are re-united. Trust God for all that.

He who made these human hearts, and inspired the love that binds them, will not rudely obliterate all the memories of the past. They live within us forever, and bye and bye the old associations are ours again, in the life that never ends.

The remains of Mr. Gould were conveyed to Upton where they were buried under Masonic rites.

At the meeting held June 4th, 1878, there were seventeen members, and a number of visitors present. Albert Curtis Esq., of Worcester, was elected an active member, and J. F. D. Garfield of Fitchburg, a corresponding member.

The Librarian reported 13 volumes, 304 pamphlets and several articles of value, as donations to the Society. Col. Israel Plummer, of Northbridge, read his "History of the Blackstone Canal," which was listened to with much interest. Remarks in relation to the same were made by Mr. Nathaniel Paine and others, and, on motion, it was voted to request of Col. Plummer, a copy of his paper for preservation.

Mr. Paine presented a collection of Portraits and Engravings, for which a vote of thanks was tendered him. The following is the Paper read at this meeting by Col. Plummer:—

## HISTORY OF THE BLACKSTONE CANAL.

The project of opening Inland Navigation from the waters of Narragansett Bay, in Rhode Island, to Worcester, in Massachusetts, through the valley of the Blackstone river, was first seriously attempted about the year 1796, by the late John Brown, Esq., of Providence, and others. The vast advantages which must necessarily result from still-water navigation a distance of forty-five miles from tide-water, through one of the most fertile tracts of country in New England, could not escape the keen sagacity of that enterprising individual. He had no sooner fixed his attention upon this contemplated improvement than he resolved, if practicable, to carry it into full effect. He therefore, with a promptness, zeal and untiring perseverance which distinguished him from most men in the prosecution of public enterprises, hastened, with the aid of an Engineer, to survey the route; and found the plan not only practicable, but easy of execution. Many intelligent gentlemen were disposed to aid in accomplishing this desirable work. A deep interest was excited; and all who carefully and candidly considered it, were as fully convinced of its importance as Mr. Brown himself. To effect it, however, an Act of Incorporation from the States of Rhode Island and Massachusetts was necessary. The General Assembly of the former availed itself of the earliest opportunity to testify its approbation of the plan by passing an Act which vested a Company with ample powers and privileges to prosecute the design.

Thus far every step taken was attended with success, and promised a favorable result. But the labors of Mr. Brown and his coadjutors were brought to a premature end, and the hopes of those who lived adjacent to the Blackstone were blasted, at a moment and in a manner not anticipated at the commencement of the enterprise. The Legislature of Massachusetts, which had been distinguished for its liberality and for a prompt encouragement of individuals in all that related to public improvements, withheld its assent, from local considerations, to a corresponding Act of Incorporation; and the plan thus failed, for a time, for want of power to execute it. It is a cause of deep regret that an enterprise from which a large section of our Commonwealth

would have been reaping the most signal advantages, should have been thus unfortunately defeated. Much time which would otherwise have been employed in improvements, was wasted ; and much capital which would have been amassed, was thus lost to the State.

Since that period the mill-privileges upon the Blackstone have, to a great extent, been occupied by large manufacturing establishments, which, by adding greatly to the value of the land, have caused embarrassments that could not now be overcome, were not the proprietors favorably disposed towards the plan. Such was the discouraging effect of the vote of the Legislature of Massachusetts, that, from the time the bill was negatived, the project remained till subsequently revived, unattempted, and its failure was deeply lamented. The subject, however, as business expanded, acquired fresh interest from the daily want of communication by water, which was long and severely felt.

The opinion had become so general in favor of a renewed effort, that meetings early in the spring of 1822, both in Providence and Worcester, were held. The subject was discussed in the latter place among many of the most intelligent citizens and the sentiment was unanimous that the time had arrived when the exigencies of the population in the Valley of the Blackstone required that Canal Navigation should be opened with all possible expedition. Committees were appointed to further investigate the subject, by ascertaining the probable expense of constructing a Canal, whether the supplies of water were sufficient, and whether the amount of tonnage annually would justify an investment of funds necessary to accomplish the design. The committees entered without delay upon the duties assigned them ; and with the funds subscribed by individuals were enabled to engage Benjamin Wright, Esq., (Chief Engineer upon the middle section of the great Erie Canal,) to make a topographical survey of the route—to examine the character of the soil—to ascertain whether the supplies of water were sufficient—to estimate the expense of construction, and to report thereon. The survey was accordingly commenced, the levels taken ; and the whole completed in September, 1822, by Mr. Wright, with the aid of two assistant engineers, from the result of which they made the following

## REPORT.

"Mr. Hutchinson, accompanied by some of the gentlemen committee, has completed a level over the route for the proposed Canal; and they find the distance, by measure, 45 miles, as a Canal would run, and the descent 151 1-2 feet from Thomas street in Worcester, to tide-water in Providence. The ground is remarkably favorable. The soil generally easy to excavate; the embankments neither large nor extensive; very little solid rock to be removed; the aqueduct and culverts are not numerous or expensive. On viewing the country intended to be benefitted by this Canal, taking into consideration its probable future growth and increase of trade, I have come to the conclusion that a Canal 32 feet wide at top, 18 feet at bottom, and 3 1-2 feet depth of water, would be the proper size to be formed; and that Locks of 70 feet between the Gates, and 10 feet in width, would be sufficiently large for the trade intended, bearing in mind a proper economy in use of water and in the erection of the Locks. In the examination of this important work, an object of primary and indispensable importance was to ascertain whether a sufficient supply of water could be obtained without injury to the valuable hydraulic works now erected on the Blackstone river and its branches. The summit level being most deficient in water, it was found that North Pond, lying two miles northerly from the Court House in Worcester, was the principal source of the Worcester branch of the Blackstone river; and the Pond is said to contain or cover a surface of about 100 acres; and at an expense of \$1000 would make it cover 180 acres, by raising a dam eight feet high, and thereby retaining the flood-waters of the Spring for Summer use. Admitting these premises, it is reduced to mathematical calculation that a superficial surface of 140 acres and eight feet deep, would give 48,787,200 cubic feet of water."

From the commencement at Thomas street, in Worcester, to the outlet of Dority Pond, in Millbury, a distance of about 7 miles, Mr. Hutchinson very properly located Locks of six feet lift each. These Locks would require 4200 cubic feet of water each time they were filled; and admitting that the casual falls of rain would make good the evaporation of the North Pond, this reservoir would give 21,616 Locks full of Water, of six feet each.

After arriving at the outlet of Dority Pond in Millbury, near the Goodell Manufacturing Company's works, Mr. Hutchinson so formed his plan as to take the water of Dority Pond, and located

Locks below that point of 8 feet lift each. These Locks require 5,600 cubic feet of water to fill them each time; and in order to obtain a full supply, resort must be had to making Dority Pond a reservoir. It is believed that an expense of \$150 would form a dam to raise Dority Pond ten feet higher than its then summit surface, and it would then contain or cover, according to estimation, at least 140 acres, which at ten feet depth, would give 60,984,000 cubic feet of water. This added to the water of North Pond, would give lockage water for 19,602 Locks of 8 feet lift each. From Thomas street in Worcester to the point where a branch would probably go off to Long Pond, a distance of 11 miles, there would be 26 Locks, and 176 feet descent.

The expense was estimated at \$88,748. From the last mentioned point to the north line in Rhode Island, 17 1-2 miles, 15 Locks and 107 feet descent. The expense was estimated at \$105,739. From the north line in Rhode Island to the south end of Scott's Pond to tide-water in Mooshassuck river, 4 1-2 miles, 8 Locks, 50 feet descent, expense \$29,699, making 45 miles distance, 62 Locks, 451 1-2 feet descent, and an estimated expense of \$323,319.

The Charter of the Blackstone Canal Company was executed by the Legislature of Massachusetts in March, 1823, and approved, and by Rhode Island at its June session of the General Assembly the same year.

In 1824 the excavation was commenced in Rhode Island, and in the year 1826 the first earth was removed in Massachusetts, near Thomas street, Worcester. The first boat which was completed was the canal packet, called the "LADY CARRINGTON," built in Providence, and finished June 28, 1828. It was fitted up in the best style for the accomodation of passengers.

On July 1st, 1828, the Lady Carrington started from tide-water, Providence, on an excursion up the Blackstone Canal, the first trip that had been attempted. The boat passed the first Lock nearly opposite the jail on Canal street, Providence, about 10 o'clock A. M., and the Lock at Mill Bridge at 11 o'clock, under salute of artillery, with great rejoicings on the whole route, to Albion factory, ten miles.

I will here introduce an abridged account from the *Rhode Island American*, of Providence, of July 1st, 1828:—

"At about 10 o'clock in the morning, the 'Lady Carrington' started from the first lock above tide-water (opposite the jail,) on Canal street. A salute of artillery announced her departure, seconded by the cheers of those on board, and the shouts of hundreds of spectators who crowded the banks and surrounding eminences, to witness this novel spectacle. The boat is of the largest size that can be admitted into the locks, being about seventy feet long, nine-and-a-half wide and as high as will admit of a safe passage under the bridges crossing the canal. She is covered on top, having below a cabin nearly the whole extent of the boat, conveniently and neatly arranged. Her draft, when filled with passengers, does not exceed eight or nine inches. Among the passengers were His Excellency the Governor, two of the Rhode Island Canal Commissioners, and about fifty citizens. The Boat was drawn up the Canal by a tow-line attached to two horses, that travelled with rapidity on the straight levels (of which there are some very beautiful ones before you come to the Blackstone River.) She might be conveyed with ease at the rate of four or five miles per hour. Between tide-water and the Albion Factory, nine granite locks, of most substantial masonry, were passed. Just before entering Scott's Pond, a beautiful basin of deep water, there are three continuous locks, by which you ascend an elevation of twenty-four feet. The novelty of ascending and descending from the different levels was particularly gratifying to those who had never before witnessed the operation. The boat glides into a solid iron box (so to speak,) in which she is enclosed by the shutting of folding gates. The water is then admitted through wickets in the upper gates, and the Boat is rapidly raised to the level she is to ascend: the upper gates are then opened, and she passes on. In descending, the lock is filled and the boat glides in on the level and the upper gates are closed, and the water drawn from the lower gates until the water is depressed to the level below. This operation occupied, in passing up, about four minutes, and in descending about three minutes. The average height of the locks is about ten feet. There were men hired for lock-tenders, whose duty it was, for Boats ascending to see the lower gates opened, and after the Boat glided into the lock, to close the lower gates, and draw the water from the upper level until the lock was full, and then open the upper gates and let the Boat pass out on the level; and when Boats were descending, locks were to be filled and upper gates opened, so the boat would glide in. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July the 'Lady Carrington' carried excursion parties to Scott's Pond, six miles, amid great rejoicings."

The first boat which passed through the whole length of the Blackstone Canal, arrived at the upper basin in Worcester, Oct. 6, 1828. Oct. 18th *freight* boats came up as far as Uxbridge.

Three Commissioners, viz: Edward Carrington, Moses B. Ives and Stephen Smith, were elected in Rhode Island. John W. Lincoln and Sylvanus Hollbrook were chosen for Massachusetts.

The expense of the work was \$700,000. \$500,000 were taken and paid by citizens of Rhode Island, and \$250,000 by citizens of Massachusetts. The Stock was in such demand that as soon as the half million dollars' worth was taken up, mostly in Providence, an express was started by some parties in Providence for Worcester in great haste, to take any balance of stock that was not sold or taken in Worcester.

The first subscription paid on the stock was \$8,000, May 2nd, 1825. The second amount assessed, of \$8 on a share, on 3907 shares payable Aug. 11, 1825, was not acknowledged by the Treasurer, Thomas Burgess, until Jan. 2, 1826, which amounted to \$31,256. The first acknowledgment from Worcester, \$3,864, March 23, 1826. The amount of the third installment, of \$5 on the share, 3692 shares was due June 7, and was received Aug. 12, 1826, \$18,460. The fourth installment of \$5 on a share, was received Oct. 11, \$17,165. On Nov. 11th, \$4,330 was paid in by the Worcester subscribers. The whole amount paid in up to Dec 30, 1826, was \$121,941.75. The whole amount of subscriptions and interest received to July 2, 1828, was \$351,368.08.

The stockholders in the Blackstone Canal Company, originally formed in Massachusetts, and the stockholders in the Blackstone Canal Company, originally formed in Rhode Island, having become united in pursuance of the Acts passed by the Legislatures of the two States for that purpose, held their first meeting for business at Uxbridge, July 5, 1828. The committee which was appointed to raise money to complete the Blackstone Canal, disposed of 77 certificates of \$1,000 each, and the committee gave their personal notes for \$7,200, guaranteed individually, on four months from Nov. 28, 1828. The certificates were all dated Sept. 8, 1828, payable in five years from the 19th of Oct., 1828, the interest paid in advance, to Oct. 1, 1829, and semi-annually afterwards, also in advance, commencing on that day. The whole

amount realized was \$79,486.40. The Company reserved the right to pay at an earlier period, and they were paid from the 4th to the 17th of June, 1831.

In a small paper published in Worcester, called *The Talisman*, under date of Oct. 18, 1828, may be found the following:—

“It is expected that the whole line of the Canal will be opened for full trade in the course of two weeks. Boats come now up as far as Uxbridge, laden with cotton and other merchandise. The day of the arrival of the first boat from Providence, in this village, was a proud and joyous one to the people of this county, as well as the stock-holders and others interested in the execution of the work. The honor of this undertaking is not with one man, or any body of men. It belongs not to this town (Worcester), or to that town, in particular preference to others: but is due to the spirit of enterprise which appertains to the people at large. We presume that those persons who a few years since expressed a desire to live no longer than to see the completion of the Canal, have prepared their wills and made all necessary arrangements for their departure.”

The Blackstone Canal proved more useful to the public than to the stockholders, as by building reservoirs it increased and equalized the volume of water very materially in the Blackstone River, and the power for hydraulic purposes was much increased, and more mills and manufactories were built, and villages sprung up and increased. The Canal was also used for many miles for trenches. The manufactories on the line, or within ten miles, were nearly doubled, and Rhode Island was much benefitted. In particular did Providence receive great advantage; while Massachusetts, and particularly Worcester, were proportionately benefitted. An impetus was immediately given to trade and manufactures.

But there were three serious draw-backs to the prosperity and profits of the Canal, which soon made it unpopular with most of its stockholders and patrons. Unfortunately a portion of the Canal was located in the Blackstone River, and boats were more or less detained in high, and also in low water, and in some seasons for weeks were detained with goods which were wanted for immediate use or sale. In some years the Canal was four or five months closed with ice. In the season of much drouth the

manufacturers were jealous of the boat-men drawing so much water; and on several occasions in Rhode Island the owners of the mills and water power (notwithstanding the Canal Company had greatly increased the amount of water by building dams and thus saving back-water in Winter and Spring for the drouth in the Summer and Fall) ordered large loads of stone tipped into the locks, to prevent the boats from passing, which almost caused a Riot among the boat-men (who were a resolute set of men,) and some mill owners were afraid their mills would be fired, as they had been threatened.

Our Hon. friend, Anthony Chase, was appointed agent for the collection of Tolls, at a salary of \$100 per year; but goods were sent from Providence and Bristol to sell at wholesale on commission, which made a fair business. He continued about four years. Horace Buffum was agent for the collection of Tolls in Providence for a long time, and Willard Lovering was also agent and Collector of Tolls. Thomas Burgess was Treasurer from first to last, at a salary of \$100 per year. Towards the close he was one of the commissioners and agents. From Dec., 1841, to Dec., 1848, the time when the navigation nearly terminated, seven years, his salary was \$100 per year. His services for the final closing, from Dec., 1848, to Dec., 1851, three years, was \$100 per year, and compensation as secretary from Dec., 1849, to Dec., 1851, two years, was only \$100; and in all this series of years, from the starting in 1828 to 1851, money was paid out for almost everything but to the stock-holders. In the year 1850 under date of April 1, by cash of George T. Rice and others for the sale of North Pond, and in closing all the concerns in relation to that Reservoir, \$825,73 were received. In 1850, on the 23d of April, by the proceeds of Dority Pond or Reservoir, sold to Andrus March, for his note at six months guaranteed by his father, for \$375. In 1850, Oct. 17, by the proceeds of Ramshorn Pond, or Reservoir, sold to Charles Washburn and others for \$500, interest collected, \$700. In 1854, May 14, by proceeds of Long Pond, sold to the Grafton Company, at \$400, interest collected \$20. Dec. 15, 1846, by cash received of Providence and Worcester Railroad Co., in full adjustment of all demands, \$1000.

The last Toll collected was on the 9th of Nov., 1848, and that was only for a short distance, as the last boat passed Woonsocket in the Fall of that year. In 1849, May 25, the Boating House in Providence was sold at auction to Thomas Burgess and Joseph Veazie for notes at 2 & 4 months, for \$415. The Locks and some parcels of land as far as Woonsocket, were sold in May or June, 1849. May 25, proceeds of land above Randall Lock, sold to Philip Allen & Son, for \$1,150. May 31, proceeds of Randall Lock at auction, to Christopher Rhodes, for \$330. Horton Lock, sold at auction to Wm. Randall, for \$250. Mineral Spring Lock, sold to Samuel Saunders, for \$217.50, Northbridge \$105.56, and pries of land as above sold to Joseph Veazie and Edward P. Knowles for \$137.50. Lovell Lock and lot sold to Thomas Burgess for \$1,110. Three Locks at Scott's Pond, and the land on which the two upper Locks stand, sold to the Lonsdale Co. for \$335. Proceeds of the Arnold Lock \$345.— The middle Lock at Woonsocket, \$380, half of the lower Lock at Woonsocket, \$117.50, sold to Geo. C. Ballou. Whole amount \$832.50. June 16, 1849, upper Lock at woonsocket sold to Edward Harris, he to fit up the road and head of the Lock (See Bond), amount \$100. The last account was audited by a committee, viz : Truman Beckwith and Joseph Veazie, Dec. 15, 1849.

The last entry made on the Cash Book was Feb. 25, 1853. Whole amount paid out since the above was audited, \$8,914.94, and amount received was \$7,015.23, leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$1,899.71.

The Charter for the Providence and Worcester Railroad was obtained in Rhode Island at the May session of the Legislature, 1844, and in Massachusetts, approved March 12, 1844. The population of the towns through which it passed, including Providence and Worcester, was, according to the census of 1840, as follows :—

Providence, 23,171 ; Smithfield, 9,554 ; Worcester, 7,497 ; Cumberland, 5,225 ; North Providence, 4,207 ; Mendon, 3,521 ; Grafton, 2,934 ; Sutton, 2,379 ; Millbury, 2,171 ; Uxbridge, 2,004 ; Northbridge, 1,449 ; making an aggregate of 64,115, to which should be added, Pawtucket, 2,184 ; Douglas, 1,617 ; Upton, 1,466 ; Milford, 1,173, making at this time, 1844, 70,555.

At a railroad meeting, or festival, held at Brinley Hall in Worcester, Thursday, Nov. 11, 1847, the Canal to Providence and its failure having been referred to, one of the toasts given was—“The two Unions between Worcester and Providence—The first was *weak as water*, the last is *strong as iron*.”

[*From the Massachusetts Spy, of Dec. 29, 1847.*.]

“In our list of deaths will be found the name of Abner Cooper, of Northbridge. About twenty-five years since he was a *post-rider*, carrying papers from this office on the route from Worcester to Providence. For some time he went in a one-horse wagon, once a week; then he added the second horse, and after a further lapse of time, went twice or three times a week. He carried the mail, and his carriage was the only public conveyance for passengers between Worcester and Providence. Less than a quarter of a century has passed by, and we find on the same route a railroad constructed at an expense of more than a million and a half dollars, with two long passenger trains running twice a day both ways, and so well patronized that the stock promises to be one of the best in the country. During this time the population of Providence was increased from 12,000 to near 40,000, while that of Worcester has increased from 3,000 to 15,000. Such an increase of population and business in so short a time, in the midst of the oldest settled portion of the country, is remarkable. It shows what can be accomplished by free labor, under free institutions. Notwithstanding the gain has been so great, it is still going on, and we look for a greater growth in the next fifteen years than there has been in the past, unless it should be checked by the unwise legislation of the General Government.”

The cars on the Providence and Worcester Railroad commenced running Oct. 25, 1847, and at this time, Oct. 4, 1878, Providence contains one hundred thousand inhabitants, and Worcester fifty thousand.

The monthly meeting succeeding the Summer vacation, was held Tuesday evening Sept. 3, 1878, at the usual place. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, on nomination by the Standing Committee, R. Hovenden, of Surrey,

England, was elected a Corresponding member, and Norton L. Cook, of Worcester, an active member.

The following letter from J. F. D. Garfield, of Fitchburg, was read by the Secretary:—

FITCHBURG MASS. JUNE 29, 1878.

*Daniel Seagrave Esq., Secretary;*

Dear sir:—I am in receipt of your favor of the 13th informing me of my election as corresponding member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

I need not assure you of the interest I feel in the objects of your institution, and if I can aid in any manner in the promotion of those objects it will afford me pleasure to do so. In accepting membership, allow me to thank the Society for its action, and yourself for the complimentary manner in which you have seen fit to communicate it.

With high regard, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. F. D. GARFIELD.

Franklin P. Rice, in behalf of the Librarian, who was absent on account of other engagements, reported that 110 volumes of Public Documents had been received by the Society from Hon. W. W. Rice, M. C., also, several other books and pamphlets from various sources.

Mr. Albert G. Mann of this city presented a huge Bear Trap, which has a novel and interesting history, and for which a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Mann.

On motion of Franklin P. Rice, the thanks of this Society were voted to Hon. W. W. Rice for his valuable contribution to our library.

Hon. Clark Jillson then read a very interesting Biographical sketch of McDonald Clarke, the "Mad Poet" of New York, a small edition of which, with a portrait of Clark, has been printed in pamphlet form by the author.

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 1, 1878, there were present nineteen members. A letter from Rev. Silas Ketchum, President of the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, was read by the Secretary. The Standing Committee on nominations made a report, nominating Stephen Salisbury Jr. Esq., of Worcester, for Honorary membership, and Rev. Silas Ketchum of Windsor Conn. for Corresponding membership, and they were duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Crane it was voted to invite Rev. Mr. Ketchum to read a Paper before this Society at some future meeting.

Mr. Crane then favored the Society by reading an Historical account of the Obelisks and monuments of like character in Egypt, special mention being made of Cleopatra's Needle, which has recently been removed to the city of London.

Mr. Jillson read an interesting biography of the late Ransom Mills Gould, the same having been printed by the author in a pamphlet of thirty-two pages.

The next regular meeting occurred Tuesday evening, Nov. 5th, 1878, when the following letter from Stephen Salisbury Jr. was read by the Secretary:—

WORCESTER Oct. 17, 1878.

*Daniel Seagrave, Esq.,*

*See, Wor. Soc. of Antiquity;*

Dear sir:—Your letter informing me of my election as Honorary member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity has been duly received. I am grateful for the honor of the appointment, and shall hope to be able to express the interest I feel in the Society and its purposes in some personal and practical way.

Respectfully yours,

STEPHEN SALISBURY JR.

Mr. Jillson in behalf of Nathaniel Paine Esq., presented a collection of Coins and Medals, for which a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Paine.

Mr. Charles W. Fenno, presented to the Society an Oil Painting of the “Banished Lord,” after Sir Joshua Reynolds, by Francis Wood, formerly of Worcester, and a Portrait by the same artist of Marco Bozzaris, the defender of Liberty in modern Greece, who was born in 1789, and died in battle Aug. 20, 1823. These Portraits were painted about thirty years since by Mr. Wood, and are in Antique oval gilt frames of great age, which were formerly in the old Sykes Tavern at the corner of Market and Main streets in this city.

After reading the following letter from Rev. Silas Ketchum, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for two weeks:—

Poquanock, Hartford Co., Conn., Oct. 7, 1878.

*Dear Sir and Brother:*—I have the honor to acknowledge your esteemed favor of the 5th inst., informing me of my election as a Corresponding Member of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.

I cordially respond to your expressed wish and hope, "that the relation thus formed may be mutually pleasant and profitable." In accepting the same, therefore, I shall not allow myself to regard it as a simple compliment from your honored body, but shall hold myself always in readiness to be useful to the Society whenever opportunity offers. In whatever direction, therefore, you may discover that I can be so, oblige me by commanding my services.

Have the goodness to convey to the members of your Society my sincere thanks for this expression of their good will and confidence, and the honor they have conferred on me, and assurances of my unwearied zeal in the commendable work which they have undertaken.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

SILAS KETCHUM.

Daniel Seagrave, Esq.,

Secretary of The Worcester

Society of Antiquity.

The adjourned meeting was held at the Hall of the Society on Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, 1878, there being present twenty-three members and about forty visitors.

Prof. Alfred S. Roe of this city was introduced, and gave his "Reminiscences of Southern Prisons," narrating at considerable length his personal experience while a prisoner of war at Danville, Virginia, which was listened to with special interest and attention by all present.

On motion of Rev. Mr. St. John, a vote of thanks was tendered Prof. Roe for his interesting narrative. Edward H. Thompson of Worcester was elected an active member of this Society.

The Librarian reported several donations of books, pamphlets, portraits and views, they having been

received during the month, most of the latter being the gift of Mr. Chas. W. Fenio.

The project of a Lecture for the purpose of raising funds to replenish the treasury, was discussed at some length and afterwards referred to the committee on entertainments, appointed January 15, 1878, consisting of Messrs. Crane, Jillson, Lovell, Metcalf and Stone, to report at the next meeting.

The closing meeting of the year 1878, was held at the Hall of the Society on Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, there being a fair attendance of members.

John Brooks Esq., of Princeton, Mass., was elected a corresponding member, and Henry M. Smith, an active member.

Mr. Crane, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred the matter of a Lecture, reported that it was inexpedient to have one as contemplated, as there were doubts in the minds of the committee concerning its final success. After some discussion the subject was re-committed to the same committee for the purpose of further consideration, and upon which they were instructed to report at a future meeting.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held Saturday evening, Dec. 7, 1878, when arrangements were made for printing the Proceedings of the Society for the current year, and Samuel E. Staples was authorized to prepare the matter for publication.

Thus closes the record of what The Worcester Society of Antiquity has accomplished during the fourth year of its existence, and our members have

good reason to be grateful for the result of personal effort, diligently applied in a worthy cause.

The hours which have been spent in gathering up the scattered details of Local History and other material worthy of preservation, placing them within reach of those who are to come after us, have not been spent in vain; and cheerfully we enter upon the duties of another year, inspired with new hope, confidently believing that our labors will be crowned with success.



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# PROCEEDINGS

FOR 1879.

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The Annual meeting of The Worcester Society of Antiquity was held at the Library, Worcester Bank Block, Foster street, on Tuesday evening January 7, 1879. The roll was called by the Secretary, and there were found to be present thirty-two members. The record of the preceding meeting was read and approved. The Standing Committee on nominations presented the name of Mr. Augustus E. Peck of Worcester, for active membership, and he was unanimously elected. A number of proposals for membership were presented in due form and referred to the committee on nominations.

The large number of members in attendance at this meeting contrasted favorably with the Annual meeting in 1878; and a spirit of determination to make the work of the present year more complete than heretofore, was clearly indicated by the prompt manner in which the business was transacted, and by the several reports then and there presented.

The President, Mr. Samuel E. Staples, then presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

*Gentlemen of The Worcester Society of Antiquity:—*

Humbly acknowledging Him by whose power alone our lives are continued to the present time, I am again permitted to present my Annual Report, which embraces the transactions of this Society for the fourth year of its existence. Permit me, however, before narrating the events that have transpired, first of all to present to you the compliments of the season, and my best wishes for your happiness and future welfare.

We are reminded that one of our number, whose prospects for life one year ago were as good as ours who remain, has passed to the unseen land, and his place among us henceforth will be vacant. At the time of the sad calamity by which our friend was so suddenly removed from our midst, appropriate notice of the event was taken by this Society, which I need not now repeat.

The year past has been one of prosperity for this institution, there having been a good degree of interest manifested by the members generally, and some of them have devoted much time, labor and money to promote its usefulness.

There have been twelve meetings during the year, with a fair attendance of members at all of them, besides the informal weekly gatherings which have been held on each succeeding Tuesday evening, making more than fifty occasions when we have met together for profitable and pleasant intercourse. Much could be said concerning the advantages of frequent intercourse between members of this Society, the stimulus derived from such gatherings of thoughtful and practical men, plans proposed and developed to further the objects which we have in view, all tending to promote the usefulness of this institution, not only to ourselves and the community around us, but to those also who shall come after us. It is, however, unnecessary to enlarge upon this thought, and I pass to notice other matters which require our consideration at this time.

At the meetings of the Society the following papers have been read, all of which have been received with much favor, a number

of them being contributions to our local history and are therefore of permanent value.

At the meeting in February, Hon. Clark Jillson gave some interesting facts concerning "A Financier of the old school," Samuel Slater, the pioneer cotton manufacturer of America.

At the monthly meeting in March, Mr. Crane gave a portion of his valuable historical Paper upon "The Lumber business of Worcester," with biographical and genealogical notes, and completed the same at the next meeting.

At the April meeting, Mr. Chas. H. J. Douglas, of Providence, R. I., read an interesting Essay upon "Family Histories," which was received with much favor by those present. I regret that no copy of this paper has been received.

At the regular meeting in May, Mr. Jillson gave the first instalment of his contemplated work on "The Death Penalty in Worcester County," which was listened to with great interest by all present.

In June, Col. Israel Plummer, of Northbridge, who had personal knowledge of many of the facts which he relates, read his "History of the Blackstone Canal," a paper of much local as well as general interest.

At the September meeting, Mr. Jillson entertained the members present by reading a sketch of the life of M'Donald Clarke, who was known as the "Mad Poet," and whose sad history is painful in the extreme.

In October, Mr. Crane gave an account of the monuments of Egypt: and Mr. Jillson favored the meeting with an interesting biography of the late Ransom M. Gould, the latter having been neatly printed by the author.

In November, Mr. Alfred S. Roe narrated at considerable length his reminiscences of prison life at Danville, Va., while held as a prisoner of war, bringing to our remembrance the painful scenes through which so many of our brave sons were called to pass, and where so many laid down their lives that the country might live. All honor to the heroic men, living or dead, who, caring less for home and its endearments than for the perils of their threatened country, left all and gave themselves for its preservation. And here I am reminded of other perils and other

dangers that have called for the best blood of our young men, who have sacrificed everything, even life itself, that the march of progress should not be hindered as it speeds its way across our western prairies, up and down the great rivers, and over the lofty mountains till it reaches the Pacific ocean on the West. Shall these die unhonored and their praise never be sung? Let us remember these men also, who have made it possible to occupy our new territories, to build railroads, to cultivate unnumbered acres producing the great staples of life, where a few years since, only the prowling Indian was found and the tread of the buffalo shook the solid ground.

Since the Annual meeting, January 1, 1878, there have been elected eighteen members, four of whom are Corresponding, and one an Honorary member.

When we consider that for the last year an admission fee has been required, and an assessment has been laid upon the active members, the additions seem to be as large as could reasonably be expected, as there are comparatively few persons in a community like this who take any real interest in historical research and the objects for which this Society was organized.

And just here I desire to acknowledge the very complimentary notice bestowed upon our Society at the time of the Thomas obsequies, in June last, by the Hon. Stephen Salisbury, President of the American Antiquarian Society, showing as it did to the distinguished persons present that there is no ambitious rivalry on the part of this young Association, but that it is calculated to supply a local want that the older Society was not designed to fill.

The work of the special committee, Messrs. Crane, Lovell and Rice, chosen Sept. 12, 1876, to copy the inscriptions in the ancient burial grounds of Worcester and vicinity, has been continued during the last season, many new names having been obtained from coffin plates and otherwise, while the remains were being removed from the Mechanic street burial ground, which will be published with our Proceedings as an addenda to the volume of Inscriptions issued in Feb., 1878.

There have been many and various donations to the library and to our collection of reliques and curiosities, which are becoming

quite valuable, which will be suitably noticed by the librarian in his annual report, or in the reports that will be presented by the proper officers of the several Departments of Work.

The duties of the Librarian, Mr. Albert A. Lovell, are now quite onerous, requiring much time to catalogue the various donations, as well as skill and taste to so arrange them that they may be properly displayed and made accessible for use: and we are largely indebted to him for the pleasant and home-like appearance which these apartments now present. Especially would we acknowledge the gift of the black walnut Show-case, containing the collection of Medals and Coins, the work of his own hands; and to him, to Mr. Crane and Mr. Fenno, are we indebted for the upright case, containing various choice articles which have been presented to the Society.

The ordinary expenses of the year have been met from the resources of the Society, as will appear by a statement in detail, showing our receipts and expenditures, which will be submitted by the efficient Treasurer, James A. Smith Esq.

The correspondence of the year has been quite extensive, and numerous letters of appreciation of our efforts and encouragement in our work, have been received.

I desire to express my gratitude, and that of the Society, to our Secretary, for the very complete and accurate record that he has kept of our transactions, and for the faithful manner in which he has discharged all his duties. I am sensible that this notice is justly due to him, for, by the Constitution no report is required from this officer by which his work could be properly known.

The duties of the Committee on Biography have been, I doubt not, faithfully discharged, but I fear it will be shown in their report that few of our members have complied with the vote by which each was requested to furnish a biographical sketch of his life, and to place his photograph in the archives of our Society for the admiration of future generations.

The Standing Committee on nominations, whose faithful discharge of their duties has been made manifest from month to month, need no word of commendation from me.

And now, what more shall I say unless I speak a word in my own behalf? For four years I have given to this Society what

little of talent I possess, have devoted many hours of thought as well as work for its success, have made some sacrifices to further its interests, and now rejoice with you in seeing it established as one of the permanent institutions of this growing city. I wish I could have brought more ability to the performance of these delightful duties, but such as I have has been freely given. Had it not have been for the faithful cooperation of my fellow officers and the united efforts of the members at large, not much could have been done, but with these, I am conscious that very much has been accomplished. I shall ever regard these four years as the critical period of our history as a Society, but having passed them safely over, I have now entire confidence in our future prosperity, and shall always look back with pleasure and satisfaction upon the work we have accomplished during this period of experiment and probation.

Having called attention to several matters that to me seemed worthy of mention and discharged my duties to you with such fidelity as I have been capable of, with many thanks for your courtesy and forbearance, I now tender my resignation as President of this Society, trusting and doubting not that he upon whom all will unite as my successor in office, in the administration of its affairs, will, by his strength of mind, his long experience in public stations, his spotless integrity and sound judgment, so direct your councils that no harm shall come to this body, but its future prosperity thereby shall be secured.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL E. STAPLES.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 7, 1879.

At this meeting the following members were present, viz.; Messrs. Staples, F. P. Rice, Howe, Stone, Seagrave, O'Flynn, Marshall, C. R. Johnson, Phelps, James A. Smith, Clark Jillson, Lawrence, Comins, Lovell, Crane, Dodge, Metcalf, Scott, W. H. Bartlett, Tucker, Shumway, Roe, E. F. Thompson, Bosworth,

Jones, T. S. Johnson, Marble, Frank C. Jillson, Cook, Curtis, Henry M. Smith, and Nathaniel Paine by invitation.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer was then read and accepted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF

THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

*Gentlemen:*— In accordance with the requirements of your By-Laws, I herewith submit my third Annual Report, showing the Receipts and Expenditures of the Society, for the year 1878, as follows:—

JAMES A. SMITH, *Treasurer, in account with*

THE WORCESTER SOCIETY OF ANTIQUITY.

CASH RECEIVED.		CASH PAID.	
1878.	<i>Dr.</i>	1878.	<i>Cr.</i>
Assessments, . . .	\$193.50	Due Treasurer, . . .	\$ 55.02
Admission Fees, . . .	12.00	Rent to Jan. 1, 1879,	150.00
Donations, . . . . .	13.00	Gas bill, . . . . .	7.45
Sale of Proceedings, . .	49.30	Printing, . . . . .	282.26
From Treasurer, . . .	58.73	Newspapers & Station'ry, 10.00	
From Librarian, . . .	5.00	Incidentals, . . . . .	13.53
Temporary Loan, . . .	200.00	Furniture &c., . . . . .	13.27
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	\$531.53	\$531.53	

Worcester, Jan. 7, 1879.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

The Librarian, Albert A. Lovell, read his Annual Report, which, together with the list of donations, will be found in subsequent pages.

A letter was received from Wm. S. Barton Esq. presenting to the Society three volumes of Ancient Laws of Massachusetts, editions of 1759, 1763 and 1775, with supplementary additions.

On motion of Chas. R. Johnson, it was voted to proceed to the election of officers. Messrs E. H. Marble and F. C. Jillson were appointed to receive and count the votes, who reported that the Society had upon the first ballot made choice of Hon. Clark Jillson for President, and he was declared elected.

Mr. Jillson upon assuming the duties of the office to which he had been elected, made a few complimentary remarks to the members and thanked them for the honor conferred upon him.

The following officers were then elected: Ellery B. Crane, first Vice-President; Albert Curtis, second Vice-President; Daniel Seagrave, Secretary; James A. Smith, Treasurer; Albert A. Lovell, Librarian; Franklin P. Rice, Nominating Committee for 3 years.

On motion of Mr. Staples it was voted that weekly meetings be continued during the present year, and that the Librarian be requested to have the Hall in readiness each Tuesday evening for that purpose.

It was voted on motion of Mr. Lovell, that the subject of the Annual Assessments be referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration, and that they report at the adjourned meeting.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Pardon A. Lee, for his donation of a case of Relics and Curiosities, and to Mr. Henry Phelps for a rare and valuable collection of Coins and Medals. The meeting was then adjourned for two weeks.

By adjournment the Society convened on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21, 1879, the following members being present, viz: the President, Hon. Clark Jillson, and Messrs. Crane, Staples, Seagrave, F. P. Rice, Cook, Fenno, Chas. R. Johnson, Summer, Tyler, E. H. Rice, F. C. Jillson, Lovell, Phelps, Stone, Lawrence, Lamb, Marble, Comins, Tucker, J. A. Smith, and by invitation, Rev. Geo. Allen and Mr. Pardon A. Lee.

The oath of office was administered to the Clerk and Treasurer by Hon. Clark Jillson, after which the following business was transacted.

Correspondence from the publisher of the "Argus and Patriot" of Montpelier, Vt., was read for information, and subsequently the Secretary was instructed to subscribe for that Journal.

Reports from the Departments of Work were read, accepted and placed on file. That of Archaeology and General History, by Mr. Charles R. Johnson, Chairman; Local History and Genealogy, by Mr. Ellery B. Crane, Chairman; Relics, Coins and Curiosities, by Mr. Henry Phelps, Chairman.

The Report upon the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings, having been delayed in consequence of the pressing engagements of the officers of that Department, further time

was granted them in which to make their report. The several reports will be found in subsequent pages of this publication.

Rev. Albert Tyler, by invitation, read, as a contribution from the Department of Local History, a narrative of the Butman Riot in Worcester, October 39, 1854, which was listened to with marked interest and attention. On motion of Mr. Staples a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Tyler for his interesting historical Paper.

Mr. E. B. Crane, in behalf of the Lecture Committee, made the following report which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

#### REPORT.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of entertainments, after having carefully, and as they think thoroughly, investigated the subject, have arrived at a unanimous conclusion, and would respectfully offer the following report.

In their opinion it is expedient to present for the patronage of the public at this time, a course of three entertainments, to be given in Plymouth Chapel. The first one to be a Lecture by Frank A. Hill M. A., of Chelsea, Mass., on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28; Subject—"The Mound Builders." The second, Select Readings by Professors A. S. Roe and E. H. Rice, with Musical Selections for the Flute by Mr. Frank E. Fitch, accompanied by Mr. Walter H. Merrifield, all of this city: to be given on Thursday evening, Feb. 6; and the third and last to be a Lecture on "Moorish Remains in Spain," Feb. 11, by Mr. John E. Russell of Leicester.

Your Committee in recommending this report for the consideration of the Society, desire to express their hearty approval of the same, believing that it will prove a sure success, financially and intellectually; and unless we have been seriously misinformed, show itself to be the most profitable and instructive course of

the season. We would earnestly solicit your zealous co-operation in the undertaking. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

ELLERY B. CRANE, Chairman.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was voted to assess the members three dollars to defray the ordinary expenses for the year 1879.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Albert A. Lovell, was unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*,—That we tender to Mr. Samuel E. Staples, on his retirement from the office of President of this Society, our sincere thanks for the acceptable manner with which he has performed the duties of that position for the past four years; and that we hereby express to him our grateful appreciation of his earnest and persevering efforts in the organization of this Association, and in its maintenance through the early and critical period of its existence.

Mr. Staples said that were he to remain silent, it might be thought that he failed to appreciate the very generous recognition by the Society of his imperfect service in its behalf, and he desired therefore to express to the members his heart-felt gratitude for their approval of his endeavor to promote the interests of this Association.

The Rev. Geo. Allen was invited by the President to address the meeting. In response to this invitation, Mr. Allen complimented the Society upon the interest manifested by the members in the work of their several departments, and upon what had been accomplished by them as indicated in their reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

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## REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGY AND GENERAL HISTORY.

The members of the Department of Archaeology and General History met at the Hall of the Society, on Thursday evening, June 24, 1878, and organized by the choice of Charles R. Johnson as Chairman, and E. F. Thompson as Secretary.

After a somewhat protracted discussion as to methods of work, it was decided, for purposes of investigation, to divide the members into two classes; those paying special attention to the Antiquities of the Western Hemisphere constituting one class, and those particularly interested in the Eastern Hemisphere the other.

A division having been made on this basis, the meeting adjourned, it being understood that the two branches should prosecute their work as diligently as possible, and report to the general body whenever called upon. Such a beginning having been made, considerable results might have been expected from the organization. It must be confessed, however, that not as much has been done as could be wished. The remoteness of the fields of labor has precluded almost anything in the way of original discovery, and although much might be accomplished by reading up and digesting the accounts of the researches of others, it is to be feared that not enough has been done in this direction. Hence this Department cannot lay claim to so much success as some of the others, especially that of Local History. When one's work is at his own door, so that he has, as it were, but to reach out his hand and gather in the fruits from fields "white already to harvest," the task is not a very difficult one, and large returns are sure to be the reward of even moderate exertions; but when the laborer is far removed from the scene of duty and peculiar hardships beset his way, it is not to be greatly wondered at, if for a time at least, he seems to accomplish but little, yet, although we must admit that small progress has been made at home in Archaeological research, it is gratifying to know that elsewhere the subject is receiving that attention which its importance merits.

The marvellous discoveries attending the labors of Schliemann and Di Cesnola in the East have commanded world-wide attention, the study of Archaeology has received a new impetus, and already there has sprung up, in Europe, a multitude of aspirants for fame to follow in the steps of these illustrious pioneers.

Nor is there hardly less interest manifested on this side the ocean. Much has been done under the auspices of the United States Geographical survey, and we may expect from that source a great deal more in the future.

To Major Powell, of this service, and his valuable corps of assistants great credit is due for the elaborate descriptions given us of the vestiges of lost races which once peopled the Rocky Mountain region. The Rev. Stephen Bowers, who has made several exploring expeditions to Southern California, the last having occupied the past Summer, has in preparation a work detailing his discoveries which may be looked to for exhaustive information as to the ruins of that locality. In the Northwest we have accounts of the investigations of W. J. McGee among "the artificial mounds of Iowa," while from the Southeast reports reach us of curiosities unearthed by Mr. Henry Gilman in opening the tumuli of Florida. These are mentioned as merely casual instances of the energy with which the study of this subject is being prosecuted in our country.

The work of exploration is also going bravely on in Central and South America. Especially from the former may we soon expect rich contributions, for there the indefatigable Dr. Hapell, who has been toiling among the ruins of Guatemala, has brought to light a remarkable collection of sculptured slabs whose inscriptions, if they can be deciphered, (and it is believed that they may,) will shed a flood of light on the early history of this continent, heretofore so shadowy and obscure. In this connection I cannot forbear alluding to the valuable services to the cause of archaeological research, of our own townsman, Stephen Salisbury Jr., an honorary member of this Society. Some of the results of this gentleman's extensive explorations in Yucatan are set forth in volumes which grace our library, and doubtless many more contributions to this department of knowledge will follow when he shall have found time to examine and classify the large collections which he brought with him from the land of the Mayas.



The study of Archaeology is a very interesting and instructive one. By it we are led to investigate the history of ancient peoples, and to attempt the solution of difficult questions concerning the existence and disappearance of lost races. Often the only data for solving these problems consists of fragments scattered over the face of the earth or buried beneath its surface. But this is no discouragement to the archaeologist. He is not accustomed to yield to obstacles. He sees the Past confronting him ready to deliver up of the riches of her exhaustless treasury if he will but prove himself worthy by his energy and perseverance.

“To him her voice is swelling  
In solemn, friendly rhyme,  
The mighty stories telling  
Of long evanished time.

The Foreworld’s holy breezes  
Around his temples play,  
And caverned night releases  
To him a quenchless ray.”

Surely, if it is ever proper to connect the sacred promise, “Seek and ye shall find,” with anything but moral truth, it may most justly be applied to the students of antiquity.

As has been said but little has been done by our Department during the year. Circumstances have been unfavorable. We confidently expect, however, to make a better record in the future, and at the close of another twelve-month to present a far more satisfactory report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

#### REPORT ON LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY.

The vote passed at a meeting held Nov. 9, 1877, assigning members to certain Departments of Work and investigation, also laid upon each of those departments the obligation of presenting to the Society at the end of each year, a written report of their doings; and in compliance with that demand, I take pleasure in

presenting to you this, our first report, from the department of Local History and Genealogy.

Promptly after the assignment of members to this department, a meeting was called, at which every resident member was present, and an organization was perfected by the selection of a Chairman. After numerous suggestions and general expressions of interest in the work, from members present, it was thought best not to place any special burden or task on any one in this division, except the Chairman, but to leave each member free to act from his own choice as to what he should take up either for collection or investigation; expecting of course that it would follow generally within the lines prescribed by the title of the department. Every item that met our eye relating to Local History or Genealogy was to be carefully collected and preserved, either in the form of scrap-books or manuscript.

The line of work thus inaugurated, if carried out, as we believe it will be in the future, cannot fail to be of great value to the Society. The matter of collecting and compiling records relating to the several branches of industry in our city will prove of great interest. It might be expecting too much, and perhaps result in an endless task to reach them all, but if we could write up some of the most prominent, it would add largely to the resources of the Society.

Some members of the department are now collecting items with the object of preparing Papers to be presented to the Society during the coming season, which I have no doubt will prove both instructive and interesting. In addition to that excellent essay "History of the Blackstone Canal," by Col. Israel Plummer, of Northbridge, and the very interesting Paper on Family Historics by Mr. Douglas, of Providence, R. I., as well as the sketch of the Lumber Trade in Worcester, we have heard several Biographical sketches, all of which have been added to our collection.

I desire to call your attention to the many valuable books, pamphlets, papers &c., that have been presented to the Society during the past year, relating to this department, some of them being of special interest, but might escape the notice of those who lack the requisite amount of curiosity for scanning every gift that finds its way into our cozy and attractive room.

We have nearly a complete set of Worcester Directories; a full set of City Doenments, and numerons pamphlets and papers relating to municipal matters, with a full set of Reports on the City Hospital; pamphlets relating to nearly all the Musical organizations in the city; the Soldiers Memorial, being an account of the Dedication of the Soldier's Monument on the common; a Map of the Village of Worcester in 1829, published by Clarendon Harris Esq.; a new Map of the City of Worcester in 1878; a complete History of the Worcester Water Works, by Hon. Clark Jillson; Assessors Documents, giving the Valuation of the Town of Worcester, in 1832; a List of the Voters in Ward 2, for the years 1850 and 1851; the Centennial Commemoration of the First Parish Meeting-house, Worcester, Mass., 1863, with the Introductory Address by Judge Ira Moore Barton, together with an Historical Discourse, by Leonard Bacon, D.D., giving the past history of the Society; a History of the Centennial Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, with Notes. Historical and Chronological, of Worcester, by Nathaniel Paine Esq.; the History of Worcester in the Revolution, by Albert A. Lovell Esq.; a bound file of the Massachusetts Spy for the years 1795 and 1796; a full set of Reminiscences of the Worcester Fire Society, or Fire Club, instituted Jan. 21, 1793, an organization yet in existence, full of vigor, although at present their efforts are given more to the enjoyment of a "Feast of Reason and flow of Soul," at the banquet table, than to the extinguishing of fires; also a copy of the Constitution of the Mutual Fire Society, organized in July, 1822, presented by Rev. Geo. Allen; Reminiscences of Worcester by Caleb A. Wall; a Pamphlet relating to the early Railroad Depots in the town of Worcester; a complete set of the Transactions of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, and a valuable pamphlet entitled, Address to the members of the Bar of Worcester County, delivered Oct. 2, 1829, by Joseph Willard Esq., of Lancaster, embracing what could be gathered at that date, concerning the history of the early Legal Profession in Worcester County. It is quite complete and is considered very valuable for its accuracy, and often referred to by local writers in eulogizing prominent men of the past, in this County.

In matters relating to Genealogy, we have in addition to the

Inscriptions from the Ancient Burial Grounds on the Common and Mechanic street, already published by the Society, other records, carefully gathered at the time of removing the remains from the Mechanic street ground, which will be given you in printed form before many weeks. We also have in manuscript Inscriptions from the North Burial Ground at Lunenburg, Mass., together with those from the Private Grounds of Thomas Arnold and Levi Goodrich, copied for the Society by one of our members, Mr. E. H. Marshal. Also, Inscriptions from the Old Burial Ground in West Brookfield, Mass., copied by Mr. T. S. Knowlton, our corresponding member at that place; also, Inscriptions from the first Burial Ground in the town of Lancaster, it being y<sup>e</sup> most Ancient Burial Ground in y<sup>e</sup> County of Worcester; also, Inscriptions from the Old Burial Grounds in Mendon and Shrewsbury, as well as those presented to the Society by Mr. Richard O'Flynn, copied by him from the first Roman Catholic Burial Ground in Worcester, located on Pleasant street.

We also have the American Genealogist, by Whitmore; Suffolk Surnames, by Bowditch; Index to American Pedigrees, by Durrie; Derivation of names, by Arthnr; 15 volumes, with 10 extra numbers of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register; Genealogical Memorial of the Ammidown Family, and the Paine Family Records; the revised Rawson Memorial; Genealogy of the Jillson Family; Robert Campbell and his descendants; Genealogy of the Miles, Dana, Reynolds and Hodges families; Proceedings of the Chapin Gathering, at Springfield, Mass., in 1862; the Greenes of Warwick, in Colonial history, and the Slatter Memorial; Collections of the Surrey Archaeological Society, vol. 7, part 1, London, 1878; Genealogical Memoranda, relating to the family of Hovenden, London, 1872, and also to the Grazebrook family, London, 1878; Genealogical Sketch of Dr. Artemas Bullard and his descendants, of Sutton, by Wm. S. Barton, Esq.; one volume of the Genealogica et Heraldica, for 1878, published by the Harleian Society, London, England.

During the year 1878, several of our older citizens, once active in affairs of the town and city, have laid aside their armor and passed on to their final rest. Among the list I find the following names: Mr. Asa Walker, who died Jan. 18; Mr. James L.

Burbank, Jan. 31; Dea. Samuel Perry, Feb. 12; Mr. Pitt Holmes, March 8; Rev. Seth Sweetser, D. D. March 24; Mr. Cyrus Lovell, June 24; our associate, Deputy Sheriff Ransom Mills Gould, May 25; Gen. Nathan Heard, Sept. 9, and Judge Henry Chapin, Oct. 13. Appropriate reference to the character and deeds of some of these men has already been made through the daily Press, of which we have copies, but some of them are worthy, and should receive more extended notices, through members of this Society.

In closing this Report, there is one thought that I desire every member of the Society to keep constantly in mind, which is, that the work done in the interest of this Society is not altogether for the present, but for the *future*. Antique Relics now prized so highly, once were commonplace, and it may be, almost worthless, but their preservation has created for them untold value. Little items that seem now to be so trifling, if kept from the spoiler's hand, will, at some future time, tell whole chapters in the history of Worcester. The papers that record the daily news, and which we have made an effort to preserve, though by some thought to be so cumbersome or worthless, are of superior importance in their relation to local history. Almost every event worth recording is there to be found, and should we desire to write up the history of any business enterprise or note progress in the growth and changes in our local affairs, the first thing we would desire to consult would be a file of those very papers, where at once we could refresh the memory and perhaps obtain far more information relating to one subject than we had dared to hope for.

For example, in the stone axe, the fragment of coarse cloth, or even an arrow head, exhumed from those mysterious mounds, we read the history of a tribe or race of people, their intelligence, mechanical skill, customs, habits &c.; and by the records our Puritan fathers left behind them, we are able to discern their traits of character and customs of life.

We must know no discouragement, and while it costs us so slight an effort, let us treasure up everything we find, bearing on the history of Worcester or our noble ancestry, to whom we owe so much, and of whom we are so justly proud.

ELLERY B. CRANE, Chairman.

In presenting a report from the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and engravings, to this Society, the fact of my inability to deal with matters of such *grave* importance so as to make the words I use interesting and instructive, must not be overlooked at the outset.

The art of writing, or the manufacture of manuscript, is of very ancient date, and was suggested by the making of pictures as a means of communicating thought from one person to another. The first writings of which we have any authentic account were upon hard substances such as stones and metals. Hermes is said to have been the author of the Hieroglyphics, 2112, n. c. It is claimed by historians that writing was taught to the Latins as early as 1194, b. c., by Europa, daughter of the king of Phoenicia. The Commandments were written on two tables of stone, 1491 b. c. The Greeks and Romans used their wax table-books long after the invention of paper in China, 170, n. c. Various kinds of material have been used to write upon, among which may be mentioned sheets of wood covered with wax, to be written upon with a stylus, ivory, palm leaves, birch bark, leather, vellum, parchment and paper. Paper was first made of cotton, A. D. 1000; and the most ancient manuscripts written on such material, now in existence, bear date, A. D. 1050.

In early times manuscripts were prepared with great care, being in many cases written in gold and silver letters, on purple, blue or red parchment, decorated with the most gaudy initial letters, sometimes a foot high, ornamented with figures of men, birds, and animals, covering nearly the entire page. Miniatures, pictures and portraits, were introduced into manuscripts at an early day, and Varro illustrated his biography of distinguished persons with 700 portraits. Some of these beautiful specimens, both plain and ornamental, have been preserved, the most ancient of which are the papyrus rolls from the tombs of Egypt, where they have been buried and preserved for thousands of years. One of the oldest known hieratic manuscripts is the Prisse papyrus in the National Library at Paris, said to have been begun 3951, n. c.

Numerous scribes were employed in making and copying these manuscripts, which became an important industry; and any one who examines those old works will see that they were executed by professional hands.

The most ancient manuscript on parchment since the time of Christ, is the palimpsest of Cicero's *De Republica* now in the Vatican library, supposed to have been written in the second or third century; and the Laurentian library of Florence contains the celebrated Medicean Virgil, belonging to the fourth or fifth century. Some of these ancient manuscripts have been scattered, parts of the same book being found in different libraries, as in the case of the *Codex Purpureus*, four leaves of which are in the British Museum, six in the Vatican, two in the Imperial Library at Vienna, and thirty-three leaves were found by Tischendorf in the island of Patmos.

Most of the early manuscripts were quite plainly written, but after a time abbreviations came into use, and in the 13th century were so common as to render many manuscripts nearly, or quite unreadable. The comma was introduced during the ninth century, and marks of interrogation, exclamation and parentheses, in the fifteenth century.

All manuscript produced previous to the introduction of printing is of peculiar interest to Antiquarians, for the reason that only a few copies were produced, however valuable the work might have been, which makes such matter comparatively scarce.

It is true that many of these writings have been printed from time to time, but a large quantity of valuable information lies as a hidden treasure in the archives of the old libraries of Europe, and in many instances but one copy was made, and that the life-work of some eminent scholar. The Prince Society of Boston has done a good work in bringing some of these manuscripts to public notice, but there are still uncounted treasures waiting to be recognized by some friendly eye.

It is not to be expected that our Society will become the owner of any of these rare specimens, but if we gather up those of modern date and place them in a position to be preserved, time will make them valuable, and the generations that follow will rejoice in their inheritance.

When the Printer emerged from the shadow of the dark ages,  
with a gleam of sunlight upon his radiant brow.

"All the world wondered,"

and it was generally believed that the Devil had been let loose for a thousand years. The scribes, however, on seeing their employment begin to vanish, mustered sufficient courage to make war on his Majesty, and it is said that after a desperate struggle, wherein they declared that

"We myst roote ovt Pryntinge  
Or Pryntinge will roote ovt vs."

a compromise was made, by permitting the scribes to rubricate and ornament the books printed, thus retaining a portion of their former employment, and ending a most bitter feud.

During the last few years there has been considerable strife among collectors of ancient publications, for the possession of early specimens of printing, till it has become quite a task to obtain any printed book bearing an earlier date than 1475. The printing of books in early times, without title-page, date, signature or pagination, has caused much controversy among antiquarians, in relation to the age of a few early publications.

In some cases Maittaire, Brunet and others, have supplied the date of certain books, but those most familiar with early printing are now of opinion that a book without a date, although bearing evidence of great antiquity, might have been printed anywhere between 1460 and 1490, from the fact that the first printed book bearing a date and the name of the printer was issued from the press in 1457, and after that time there were printed from year to year numerous books both with and without date.

The progress in the art of printing, from the time of its discovery up to the close of the 15th century, was very remarkable. The first printing done on movable metallic type was completed in 1454, and this Society has Cicero's *Orations* printed only 18 years after that, almost as bright and perfect as the books printed yesterday. I have a book printed in 1472, the typography of which will compare favorably with the work of the present day:

and another in Black Letter, printed in 1495, the execution of which does not appear to have been excelled up to this time. I also have a book printed on the celebrated Aldine press, by Aldus himself, dated 1564, an elegant specimen of early printing.

Some idea may be obtained of the scarcity of these ancient publications by perusing the history of the Caxton Exhibition, opened at South Kensington, June 30, 1877, for the purpose of celebrating the four hundredth anniversary of the introduction, in 1477, of the art and mystery of printing into England.

The Bible having been the earliest book printed, great effort was made to obtain all the early editions possible, and strange as it may seem, only *seven* books were exhibited, with authenticated dates, older than Cicero's *Orations*, owned by this Society.

The first book printed in America was a "Manual for Adults," from the press at Mexico, in the year 1540. The first printing press in North America was established at Cambridge, Mass., about 1638; and the first book issued therefrom was the "Bay Psalm Book," in 1640. The first newspaper printed in America, was the Boston News Letter which appeared April 24, 1704. It is of the greatest importance that the members of this Department collect and preserve all American publications of early date, especially those printed on the loyal press of Isaiah Thomas, in the town of Worcester, during the American Revolution.

But to my mind the most important subject coming under the jurisdiction of this Department is that of engraving, about which much less is known among mankind generally than of either of those heretofore considered, the magnitude of which precludes any detailed account in a report like this.

A person of ordinary ability may become a good penman, and produce the most elegant manuscript; and many a printer who is able to boast of his professional skill in that art, would be unable to collect his thoughts and present them on paper with a reasonable degree of elegance. But the employment of the scribe and the printer is so completely mechanical as not to necessarily require any great mental effort.

To some extent this may be true of one class of engravers, but of those who become masters of the art, it is not true. To them the design, traced upon the block they are about to cut, is only

a hint of what is yet to be developed by the mystery of mental dictation into the semblance of life itself, so suggestive as to compel the imagination to supply the tint and expression of health and beauty.

"This brow so fair,  
Half-curtained in this glossy hair,  
These eyes, the very home of love,  
The dark twin arches trac'd above,  
These red-ripe lips that almost speak,  
The fainter blush of this pure cheek,  
The rose and lily's beauteous strife—  
It is—ah no!—'t is all *but* life!"

The art of engraving is not of modern origin, it having been discovered and extensively practiced nearly 1500 years b. c. Mention is made of this art in Exodus xxviii. 36, and the fact is well established, that the Egyptians and Assyrians understood how to engrave on stone and metal at a very remote period.

Among a quantity of Egyptian antiquities, there was found a small axe, tied to the helve with strips of cloth, on the head of which were engraved certain characters in such a manner that, if the head had been inked and submitted to the action of the rolling press, impressions might have been obtained as from a modern copper-plate.

The Greeks and Romans engraved laws, contracts and other documents on metal plates, and when a fire occurred in the Capitol, during the reign of Vespasian, 3000 bronze muniments were destroyed.

The earliest print which has come down to us with a date, is the "Buxheim Saint Christopher," of 1423. Previous to this time Playing Cards were in existence, but they were considered to have been painted by means of stencils. In the Imperial Library at Paris is a print of the Virgin and Child, which is probably earlier than the Saint Christopher, but it bears no date.

Numerous attempts have been made to antedate the Saint Christopher, but no satisfactory proof has been obtained to show that wood engraving was known previous to 1423; and metal plates engraved for the purpose of being printed from were

not known till 1465. The first book containing wood cuts was the second edition of Caxton's "Game and Playe of the Chesse," supposed to have been printed about 1476, the first edition having been issued in 1474.

Early in the 16th century the art of engraving had reached a high state of perfection; but in the 17th century wood engraving was almost entirely abandoned, and was not revived till about 1830, since which time rapid progress has been made, and wood engraving has reached such a degree of completeness that some of the best work is now done upon that material.

It would require more space than can be allowed for this report, to give a detailed account of what has been done to perfect this art. Nor is it possible to give even the names of all those distinguished artists whose lives have been spent in this great work. Among the early laborers in this field of art, may be mentioned Botticelli, Andrea Mantegna, Giovanni Bellini, Albert Durer, Rembrandt, Vandyke, Marc Antonio, and in later times, Vertue, Hogarth, Strange, Woollett, Bartolozzi, Raphael Morgenhen, Toschi, and many others, all of whom left unmistakable traces of their own individuality upon the works they have handed down for the admiration of the world in all time to come.

Our Society has made commendable progress in collecting engravings, photographs and views, some of which are rare and valuable. We are indebted to Mr. Chas. W. Fenno, of this city, for his generous contributions in this department, comprising a large number of choice engravings, portraits and views, a more particular description of which will be given in the list of donations connected with the Librarian's report.

It would have been gratifying to me to have given a detailed account of our collections in the Department of Ancient Manuscripts, Publications and Engravings, but for want of time and space, I propose to leave that delicious labor to those whose pleasure it shall hereafter be to make these reports; hoping that the Society will continue to collect rich treasures of Art, which will never fail to attract the attention of those who admire the highest type of civilization and refinement.

CLARK JILLSON, Chairman.

## REPORT ON RELICS, COINS AND CURIOSITIES.

It is well known to all members of this Society that we are yet in our infancy, having but just started in what we believe to be a good work. A little more than a year ago the idea of forming Departments and apportioning a work to every active member of the Society was carried into effect, allowing each to consult his own taste and inclination in regard to the particular Department in which he could serve. And now, at our annual meeting, it has seemed proper to make some report, or at least a pretence of such, regarding what has been accomplished by this Department relating to Relics, Coins and Curiosities.

As members of this Department we do not come boldly to the front with our arms burdened with sheaves: neither do we come saying, "Lord, I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine," but with the feeling that we as learners in a new science we have tried to help each other along, with here and there a friendly suggestion, an encouraging word, or a sympathetic feeling in a common cause. This Department has but just made a beginning; yet with members so actively engaged, we are making some advancement in the collection of various articles which may be classed as relics and curiosities.

To go somewhat into detail is perhaps not out of place at this time.

The Hand Machine for the manufacture of Card Teeth, one of the first made for forming the tooth, is a contribution from Mr. A. B. Prouty, of New Worcester. This interesting and valuable relic was obtained and presented to the Society through one of our most active and interested members, Hon. Clark Jillson.

A granite Indian Mortar, of large size, in a good state of preservation, from Lunenburg, presented by E. H. Marshall, is worthy of mention; also an unusually long and perfect Pestle, plowed up in a field on the banks of the Kennebec, in Maine, and presented to us by Richard O'Flynn, as necessary to complete this indispensable article of the wigwam: an ancient Bear Trap of rude construction, from A. G. Mann of this city, made in 1771. It has a history of its own, and at least has been a terror to the

Bears of New Hampshire and Vermont in time gone by, and is said to have depopulated the forests of those regions of somewhat over forty of its early natives which at that time were quite numerous and troublesome to the early settlers. From Cumberland, R. I., we have sent us for preservation, Door Hinges and Wooden Latch and String taken from a house built by Joseph Bartlett, dating back to 1745, presented by Thos. E. Bartlett; a case of Shells, Minerals, and other Curiosities, presented by Pardon A. Lee, containing also historical relics, such as pieces of the Charter Oak of Connecticut, the Old Elm from Boston Common, the Frigate Lawrence, Perry's Flag Ship, Washington's Tomb, Isaiah Thomas' Coffin, and many other articles of interest.

Contributions have been made of Minerals, Spinning-Wheel, Reel, Shuttle, Bobbins, Spool, Temples, Bread Toaster, Wooden Compass, Snuffers and Tray, Ancient Chairs, and many other valuable articles of an hundred years ago.

To Nathaniel Paine Esq., we are indebted for a collection of 67 Medals and Medalets, mostly American, very interesting, and some quite scarce, making a good foundation for future additions.

In regard to the case of Medals and Coins which you see before you I will say, that having long indulged a taste for those things and circumstances favoring, it was my pleasure some years since to spend my leisure time in making a collection for myself; and I am very happy to offer these to this Society in which I take special interest, with the hope that a foundation may be laid in this Department which at some future time shall be a study for the student as well as a pleasure to the eye.

The Medals in this collection embrace a wide range of subjects, beginning with the Emperors of Rome. A fine collection of the Kings, and other celebrated men of France, with some rare pieces of the first Napoleon. England's Kings and Queens, and English Medals relating to its wars with France.

There is also a good collection of Washingtons, and Medals presented by the Government to the officers of the Army and Navy, from the revolution to the close of the war with Mexico, besides many others of a miscellaneous character.

In closing this report allow me to congratulate the Society upon its general prosperity in all its departments, believing we have

only to put our shoulder to the wheel to make this Society as successful as our most ardent members could desire.

To complete a set of Medals of the Revolution, I present you to-night eight pieces; also five Washington Buttons, I believe all the varieties at present known. If you will pardon me the time I will give an outline of this interesting collection.

There were 11 Medals struck by order of the Continental Congress, to commemorate the War of the Revolution, as follows, viz:

1. The Gold Medal which commemorates the evacuation of Boston by the British troops in 1776. This Medal of Washington was prepared and struck in Paris, under the direction of Dr. Franklin, then our Minister to France.

2. To Maj. Gen. Horatio Gates, for the surrender at Saratoga, of Lieut. Gen. Burgoyne and his army, Oct. 17, 1777, a Gold Medal was presented by resolution of Congress, Nov. 4, 1779.

3. To Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne, a Gold Medal was awarded by resolution of Congress, July 26, 1779, for the taking of Stony Point, by storm, on the night of July 15, 1779.

4. To Maj. John Stewart, a second Medal, of Silver, commemorative of the taking of Stony Point, was awarded by resolution of Congress, July 26, 1779.

5. A third Medal, of Silver, under the above resolution, was awarded to Lieut. Col. De Fleury, for his gallant conduct during the engagement at the taking of Stony Point.

6. By resolution of Congress, Sept. 21, 1779, a Gold Medal was directed to be presented to Maj. Henry Lee, for his attack on a body of British troops and the fort at Paulus Hook, N. J., on the 19th of July, 1779.

7. Three Silver Medals were awarded by vote of Congress, Nov. 3, 1780, to John Paulding, David Williams and Isaac Van Wart, for the capture of Maj. John Andre. These Medals were presented to the recipients in the presence of the whole American Army, by General Washington.

8. By resolution of Congress, March 9, 1781, a Gold Medal was ordered for presentation to Gen. Daniel Morgan, for the victory of the American arms, at Cowpens, North Carolina.

9. By resolution of Congress, March 9, 1781, a Silver Medal was awarded to Lieut. Col. John Eager Howard, for his skill and

intrepidity in the management of troops at the battle of Cowpens.

10. To Col. William A. Washington, a Medal was struck in honor of the brilliant victory obtained at Cowpens by the American troops, over a far superior force of British Regulars, then under command of Lieut. Col. Tarleton.

11. By resolution of Congress, Oct. 29, 1781, a Gold Medal was awarded to Gen. Nathaniel Greene, for his gallant conduct at the battle of Eutaw Springs, South Carolina, Sept. 8, 1781.

This closes the list of the Medals of the Revolution. Four dies only are now in possession of the Government, viz: Washington before Boston, Gen. Horatio Gates, John Eager Howard and Colonel William A. Washington.

HENRY PHELPS, Chairman.

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On the evening of Jan. 21, 1879, Rev. Albert Tyler read the following graphic account of the "Butman Riot," which occurred in Worcester, October 30, 1854.

The rendition of Fugitive Slaves was creating the most intense excitement in Massachusetts at the time of this remarkable Riot; and there seemed to be a general disposition on the part of many prominent citizens to resist the encroachments of the slave hunter in the city where the free-soil party was born.

Mr. Tyler has presented the facts connected with that transaction in such a clear and concise manner as to make it interesting to those who were not eye witnesses, while those who were present, and active in the contest will at once recognize each and every point described as though it occurred but yesterday.

## THE BUTMAN RIOT.

Oct. 30, 1854.

THE History of New England is singularly free from reminiscence of riot and violence. Only occasionally has there been a ripple on the surface of affairs as indicative that the public feeling could be stirred into resistance to the form or spirit of the law. The cold and phlegmatic blood of the New England fathers courses too steadily through the veinous life of the present generation, to become easily excited beyond the limits of a strict and staid observance of order and quiet in its social relations. It has been the blood of forbearance, the blood of endurance, the peaceable blood of men not easily or frequently given to outbursts of impatience, or to the outbreakings of indignant and active resistance to individual or social wrong. It is the blood of men who have trusted to law, and to legal formalities, for the redress of all grievances that have naturally or occasionally arisen in the community, to disturb its steady circulation and to endanger the regularity of the public pulsation.

All forms of crime, that so frequently arouse the general feeling to riotous manifestation in other sections of our country, in New England awaken only a more sober and more determined reliance upon, and a more confiding appeal to the omnipotent behests of the broken law. Unpopular laws, born of oppression, and burdensome to bear, are submitted to without resistance, because even these come of the social agreement or compact upon which all laws are based. And in the experience of New England, it has only been, when the adverse party to an unpopular law, for whose benefit alone it was enacted, has repudiated its claims upon themselves, and at the same time insisted upon the observance of them on the other part, that the spirit of resistance has broken forth in acts of open violence.

Perhaps there is no people on the earth who have been trained to so conscientious an obedience to the enacted law as the people of New England. A public compact once entered into, though

proven in its operation to be wholly adverse to New England interests, is still religiously observed. And the only event of violence in the history of New England life, in which the puritan blood has broken over the limits of law, in hostility to the New England instinct for liberty, has been incited by the conscientious regard of New England men for Constitutional agreements entered into by the fathers, who, by concessions to what were considered minor interests, consummated a Union of States for the safeguard and perpetuation of those interests they believed to be more important. I allude to the Boston Riots in the early stage of the Anti-Slavery Agitation. All other riots that mark New England life, have been in the interest of freedom, and have been the natural outbreaks of public feeling against required obedience to agreements which the adverse party had broken, and which it had demonstrated had no binding force upon itself which it was bound to respect. Of this class of riots may be reckoned the Boston Tea Party, the Shays Rebellion, the Dorr War in Rhode Island and the popular outbreaks which accompanied the attempt to execute the Fugitive Slave law in Boston and Worcester.

The Butman riot, of which this paper proposes to treat, was the last of the latter class of riots. Its locality was Worcester, its occasion, the supposed attempt to arrest and carry back a fugitive from the South, who for nearly a dozen years had been an industrious and respectable citizen of Worcester. All this in accordance with a law which had been recently passed by the National Congress, for the better carrying out of that constitutional compact by which those owing service or labor and escaping to other jurisdictions, were to be given up and returned to those claiming their services. This law was enacted in the interest of that section of the nation which had refused, repeatedly and unitedly, to obey the requirements of that same compact by which they had agreed to respect the rights and privileges of citizens of the free states, and accord to them the same freedom they enjoyed at home. They had simply repudiated all the national laws and constitutional agreements they imagined to be in conflict with the selfish interests of the slave owners, and had violated both the national law and the obligations of honor and justice to which they proposed to hold the rest of the nation.

Citizens of the North whose business or calling brought them into the Southern cities, were imprisoned, and if not ransomed by friends, were sold into perpetual bondage to pay their jail fees; the mails of the nation were rifled of their contents at the pleasure of every petty village despot, and the nation was powerless to prevent the robbery; debts owing to merchants in communities obnoxiously favorable to freedom, were repudiated; and there was no law of their own or of the nation, which could be executed in favor of a northern man and a citizen of a Free State.

British seamen, though black as darkness itself, were safe from molestation in every Southern port, and walked the streets with the conscious assurance of freemen,—because there was a wholesome fear of the British Lion's paw, and of the roar of British cannon. Massachusetts seamen, born on her hills, as free as the freest, having a taint of African blood in their complexion, were dragged to jail, and sold into bondage. Massachusetts had no cannon to compel respect to constitutional obligations! She appealed to the LAW, and sent her Honored and learned Commissioners, the most respected and beloved of her citizens—men whom any *civilized community* would have deemed it a high privilege to receive, and to accord the fullest exercise of those peaceable and lawful purposes for which they were sent among them—to initiate such legal action in the national courts as would test and settle the question of constitutional obligation towards the free citizens of Massachusetts. These honored and venerable men were driven by mob violence from the South, the mobs being made up from the very civil authority of the State bound by oath to preserve the public peace; and thus was demonstrated in the last resort, that Slavery would not, even in a peaceable way, observe the law she would impose upon the rest of the nation!

The compact was broken!! No longer could the moral obligation enforce the unsavory agreement upon the unwilling but conscientious people of New England. Massachusetts immediately passed laws forbidding her officers to assist in the enforcement of the obnoxious Fugitive Slave law, and forbidding the use of her prisons to the United States officers for the safe keeping of such prisoners as they should arrest in the endeavor to enforce it. This was not considered a repudiation of the law, but

a declination of the obligation to assist in enforcing it. It was but saying to the Slave-master, "You chose the United States as your assistant in the recovery of fugitives from slavery when you required and obtained the passage of this law—therefore, let the United States catch and keep your slaves, we'll have no hand in the base and inhuman business!" This being the condition of things, it was thought to be a point of honor by the South to begin the slave hunt upon Massachusetts soil. They desired to show her, that the General Government, which was so powerless in South Carolina when her aid was invoked to protect freemen from being enslaved—was all powerful in Massachusetts when invoked to re-enslave men who had achieved their freedom.—They wished to have it understood, that there was no spot under the American flag where a slave owner might not hold and work his slaves; and one prominent southern politician boasted that he would yet call the roll of his servitors under the "shadow of Bunker Hill."

Well, the slave-hunt began. A Deputy United States Marshal, named BUTMAN, by false charges of theft and burglary, it was said, succeeded in getting into his keeping two colored fugitives from slavery, named Burns and Sims; then throwing off the mask of pretence, he held them as fugitive slaves for rendition to their masters.

No one event up to that date had ever created such excitement in New England as this obnoxious work of Butman. Crowds assembled from every quarter, the Court House was chained up to keep them out, the United States military guarded the prisoners, and they were sent back to slavery at an expense to the government of about \$15,000, enough money to have bought a dozen such men in the slave markets of the South. Of course Butman was execrated, not only because he was a party in the execution of the obnoxious law, but because he was believed to have adopted a mean and contemptible, lying course to get the fugitives into his power. He had shown himself to be the willing tool of his Southern employers—and not the high-minded officer his position implied. Every where he went his purpose was suspected, and his movements watched. He was believed to be the only officer of the General Government in Massachusetts who would willingly engage in such a nefarious business.

Vigilance Committees were speedily formed in Boston and in the adjacent cities and towns, both to watch the slave hunter and to communicate the intelligence of danger in any direction toward which a movement seemed to point; for there were very many escaped slaves quietly living in the cities and towns of Massachusetts, whom the citizens of the State felt bound to warn of approaching danger, and protect from violence by all feasible means.

So on the 29th of October, (Sunday,) word came to Worcester that the obnoxious Asa O. Butman, "the kidnapper," had gone up there from Boston on a slave-hunting expedition. The intelligence was found to be true so far as his coming was concerned, as his name appeared upon the books of the American Temperance House, placed there late on Saturday evening. Immediately there was issued from the press of the Spy, the following notice, put in type and printed by the junior editor, himself:

"LOOK OUT FOR KIDNAPPERS! BUTMAN THE KIDNAPPER OF THOMAS SIMS AND ANTHONY BURNS IS IN TOWN, ACCCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER OFFICER!! THEY ARE BOOKED AT THE AMERICAN TEMPERANCE HOUSE! LOOK OUT FOR THEM!!"

Of course this notice, posted in the streets, and read by the multitudes of church goers on their way home from worship, created a measure of excitement, in exact accord with the fever heat of those exciting times. A public meeting was called in the evening, which was addressed by several well known citizens, and a special Vigilance Committee was appointed to watch the hotel that night, and the proceedings of Butman, if he made any attempt to carry out his supposed purpose. He was seen during the evening, and in conversation, declared that he only came up to look for some horse thieves! As he was believed to have lied to Burns and Sims, so he was believed to falsify in this declaration of his errand to Worcester, and subsequent investigation seemed to confirm the idea that the belief was well founded.

Some 12 years before, Mr. William H. Jenkins, who had been the slave of Gen. Wm. E. Taylor, of Norfolk, Va., had escaped to the North. He had lived several years at Worcester, and by industry had become a well-to-do citizen in the way of his calling.

On the passage of the fugitive slave law, a man named Seabury, who had by some means learned of the whereabouts of Mr. Jankins, proposed to return him to his master for a stipulated sum. The conditions were agreed to, and the hunter came to Worcester for his man. Mr. Jankins, somehow, was absent, and the blood-hound, after waiting two or three weeks for his victim's return, became discouraged, and went away, after securing as was supposed, the services of Butman to accomplish the work. If this was the object which brought him to Worcester, we shall see how he prospered in his errand.

Immediately on the adjournment of the public meeting, the committee of vigilance appointed to watch the Hotel, together with a goodly number of volunteer assistants, proceeded to the post of duty, surrounding the hotel and keeping up a continuous stream of "chaff," concerning the obnoxious inmate. Occasionally the door bell would be rung and the landlord annoyed by inquiries with reference to his guest. The leaders of the crowd, if they had leaders, were no-government, non-resistance men, who did not believe in violence other than such as the tongue could inflict; and they *did* believe in the use of this weapon of offence unsparingly. The City Marshal was summoned to still their clamor, but he found no violation of the city ordinances; the High Sheriff came and looked on from the opposite side of the street, but decided there was no ostensible cause for his interference; the Mayor was appealed to at last, and after looking over the condition of things, requested the crowd to "let the door bell alone," and went to his home.

All this while the "kidnapper," Butman, was uneasily endeavoring to stifle his fears of the danger gathering over his head. In his excitement he unwisely, but fortunately for the crowd, partially drew from his pocket a pistol. A glimpse of the weapon was sufficient for the leaders of the watching Committee,—for a warrant was immediately issued, upon which Butman was arrested for carrying dangerous weapons, placed in charge of an officer, and the crowd of watchers dispersed to their homes and retired to rest.

The next morning Butman was brought before the Court and gave bonds to appear and answer to the charge at a future day.

In the mean time, there had been steadily gathering the excited and the fun-loving elements of the city,—the former pressing to the front, the latter hanging upon the outskirts to enjoy the scene. Perhaps no really guilty wretch ever was confronted with such a Niagara of ponderous Anglo-Saxon denunciation, as greeted the ears of Butman as he came out from the Court Room,—and as he looked around him he saw a greater danger than words of condemnation, in the many dark faces that lowered upon him from representatives of the class and color he was believed to be pursuing. He saw in those faces, flashing from those eyes into which he looked, that tiger *hate*, which the most trifling circumstance might unloose to his destruction. His spirit quailed before the vision, and he begged of the city officers help and protection. He was taken into the Room of the City Marshal and while there, promised, if suffered to depart, *never again to visit the city!* Upon this promise being given, a gentleman, since called to the foremost place in the gift of Massachusetts, proceeded to address the crowd in deprecation of further violence, and asking a peaceable passage of the defeated and foiled “slave hunter,” to the depot, that he might take the earliest cars for Boston.

While he was speaking to the multitude from the balcony or portico of the building, the first scene of violence thus far in the affair, was being enacted in the Marshal’s room. Three colored men, taking advantage of the general attention to the speaking, forced the door, and proceeded to wreak their vengeance upon Butman. Though immediately discovered, they had stricken him to the floor, and were endeavoring to do further violence to his person. One was arrested in the act, but succeeded in escaping through the window during the subsequent excitement; and who he was is unknown to this day.

On the conclusion of the speaking, and in the belief that the crowd had accepted the pledge of Butman “not again to visit the city,” and that it had acquiesced in the engagement of the speaker to guarantee him a safe conduct to the depot, a few stanch friends and well known advocates of freedom gathered around the quailing “kidnapper,” and taking him by the arms, at the same time being surrounded by a squad of policemen, they proceeded through the crowd to the cars. The sight of the quarry

proved to be too much for the feeble resolution of many in the crowd, to abstain from an active expression of their indignant condemnation of Butman's supposed purpose in coming to Worcester. The colored men especially, were almost beside themselves in their desire to convince him that it was a dangerous mission upon which he had come to the city. Even the editor who had printed the hand-bills, and who had placed himself as a guard to keep off the crowd, found flesh and blood too strong for him when a tempting opportunity offered to kick the foe in the rear; and the no-government, non-resistant guardian who had interposed his own person as a shield against danger, while urging the crowd to abstain from all *acts of violence*, gave them full permission "to abuse him as much as they pleased,"—meaning of course, only such abuse as spoken words could bestow.

As the procession moved on, an occasional missile was thrown; here and there an egg broke upon the person of Butman or some one of his anti-slavery guardians, and now and then an attempt would be made to force the guard in order to assault the prisoner. As appeared in the legal investigation which followed, it was the negro element of the crowd that made these attempts, which were not always unsuccessful. Once, on the passage, the victim was struck such a blow as would have prostrated him had he not been supported on either hand by his faithful guards.

On their arrival at the Western Railroad Station, the train had gone in which Butman designed to return to Boston, and some hours would intervene before the coming of another. The crowd kept increasing, and its elements became more unruly as it increased. The negro blood was up, and growing more violent in its demonstrations every moment—the Anglo-Saxon blood was sufficiently excited to countenance almost any act the African blood might perform. What was to be done? What could be done to ensure the safety of the "kidnapper" during these waiting hours? The best expedient was to place him in the privy of the depot for the time being, while the peace-makers harangued the crowd, and kept their attention from more violent counsels.

Thus the moments flew away, while the guards taxed their wits for a plan that should indicate a safe way out of the present dilemma. The present conditions were growing more precarious

every moment. Violent men had forced themselves once and again into the unsavory harbor of refuge, and had been forced out again by some soft and some strong words of its peace compelling guardians. At last it was considered best not to wait longer the issue of the affair in the present condition of things, but to send the frightened and humbled and baffled Butman out of the city by other means. So a hack was called,—driven by that veteran hackman who has, in his day, had all the celebrities of the age, both good and bad, behind his horses,—and from the back door of that odiferous strong-hold he had occupied. Butman entered the carriage that carried him from the city; but his escape was not free from danger—for an unfriendly hand dealt him a cruel blow as he entered the hack, and the windows of his carriage were broken by the unfriendly missiles that followed him as he was driven away. He was taken to Westboro, and from thence he reached Boston, a sadder and a wiser man, than when he on Saturday, had gone up to Worcester, as it was believed, in full hope of a successful slave hunt.

Thus ended the last attempt to execute the odious Fugitive Slave Law in Massachusetts! Subsequent events, issuing in the emancipation of every slave, have made all such laws unnecessary; and to-day, every where in the nation, there are no slaves. This result, no doubt, is the legitimate consequence of many causes, among which we may class the insane attempt of the slave master to secure the privileges of slavery every where in the Union, in defiance of public sentiment and by means of the fugitive slave law!

Of Mr. Jankins, we may say, that he is still with us, steadily and industriously pursuing his calling, as he has been through many of the years since the attempt to kidnap him, and carry him back to slavery. He had too many interests here and too much at stake to feel safe, after this attempt, and so he arranged the matter with his old master, obtained his free papers by purchase, and they are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Courts—the only free papers ever thus recorded on the books of this county! Since the war, he has visited his old master, and from his lips learned the true inwardness of this attempt upon his liberty.

Thus endeth the episode denounced in its day as a riot, but now seen in the light of the present as a grand exhibit of those instincts of human nature, which lead men to obey the higher law of life, in preference to the lower, or statute law, when that demands unjust and unrighteous action of its subjects.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIOGRAPHIES.

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*To the members of The Worcester Society of Antiquity.—*

Your committee to whom has been confided the duty of securing and arranging for preservation biographical sketches of the members of our Society have but a meagre report of work accomplished. This department was instituted within the present year, and perhaps sufficient time has not yet elapsed to allow of the fruition of its plans. Immediately on our appointment the committee met and arranged a form of address to members, asking their immediate personal attention to the work proposed, which was mailed to all members, and sufficient expenditure was incurred to provide paper of uniform size and quality, for the proposed records. Thus far that paper remains blank, except the few sheets used by the two or three members who have responded to our request.

We avail ourselves of the opportunity presented in an annual report, to present anew to the members of the Society the importance of the work we have undertaken. There is no one class of matter more valuable to the student of history than individual biography, and when this is coupled with genealogical material its value is greatly increased. It is also true that there is no class of historical matter more commonly neglected nor more carelessly preserved. It is a rare occurrence to find a man, even

in so-called intelligent and well educated circles, who can answer a question concerning his ancestry more remote than his grandfather, and of the brothers and sisters of grand-parents most men are entirely ignorant. Members of this Society, devoted to antiquarian research, will find no little opportunity for such as which will bring a rich reward in experience, no less than in fresh information of unknown family ties, if they will undertake the work which is planned for them by this committee.

Our object is to cover this field, so far as our members are concerned. We propose to receive such sketches of the biographies of our members as can be secured, with their photographs, and to preserve them in manuscript form in our library; and further, after the record is once begun, to add to it the eventful features of the history of each member, thus keeping the record full and complete. We especially desire to incorporate in these personal histories as much genealogical matter as can be secured. If this feature can be successfully maintained we shall have, in time a collection of material which will be as valuable as it will be unique.

We would suggest, in view of the danger of loss of material by too long delay, and the important influence which a good beginning will have upon the rapid accumulation of the proposed record, that the present members begin at once their work of preparation, and press it to a conclusion without unnecessary delay. The obituary record of our young Society reminds us that we can not be too earnest nor too prompt in putting in form the available material. If the genealogical record of a member is incomplete, what is accessible can be given now, and additions can be made at any time, the plan of the committee contemplating additions, *ad libitum*, until the record is ended by death.

We are aware that for the immediate present the work we propose offers more of labor and trouble than of important results, but we can gain some idea of its true importance and bearing by looking at the older societies of similar character, and asking ourselves,—what would be the value to them, after perhaps half a century of existence, if they had in a permanent and available form the personal history, genealogy, and the faces of each one of their members? We believe such a record would answer the

question for itself, to every one who consulted its pages, and we ask your immediate co-operation that our work may be properly inaugurated, and that, beginning thus at home we may present an *apologia pro vita sua* for our Society, secure at once a substantial and valuable nucleus for a most important and interesting department of our work, and through the experience gained in this work prepare ourselves for the better prosecution of more extended and general researches.

For, and in behalf the Committee,

HENRY L. SHUMWAY, Chairman.



## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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*To the Officers and Members of  
The Worcester Society of Antiquity:*

The Librarian respectfully submits the following Report :

In accordance with instructions from the Executive Committee, there have been forwarded to various organizations and individuals not members of the Society, during the past year, 26 copies of Proceedings No. III.

Societies and Associations with objects kindred to our own have generously favored us with their publications, which have been placed upon our shelves. The Societies thus contributing are The N. E. Historic, Genealogical Society, Vermont Historical Society, Essex Institute, Providence Athenaeum, New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, Surrey Archaeological Society, London, Eng., American Antiquarian Society, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Minnesota Historical Society, Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Peabody Institute, (through the Hon. Stephen Salisbury, Trustee,) Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Canadian Institute, Toronto, C. W.; and contributions have also been received from Joseph Jackson Howard, LL. D., London, Eng., Geo. Grazebrook, F. S. A., London, Eng., and from Robert Hovenden, Croyden, Eng. A full list of donations will be found in the detailed report appended.

Each active member has been supplied with a copy of Proceedings, No. III., and a copy has been forwarded to each Honorary member. There have been distributed during the past year, 91 copies of No. III., 14 copies of No. IV., 5 copies of No. II., 4 copies of No. I. There have been disposed of by sale 5 copies of No. III., 31 of No. IV., and 1 of No. I.

There have been added to the Library during the past year, 470 bound volumes, 1256 pamphlets, 509 magazines, besides newspapers, broadsides, circulars, manuscripts, prints, engravings, portraits and maps. The total number of bound volumes now in the library is 838, of pamphlets 3283, while upon our walls are 33 engravings, portraits, prints and photographs.

The donations to the library during the past year have been to a very great degree of such a character as this society was organized to collect and preserve. Not only have the members and individuals who are interested in our work contributed largely of books, pamphlets and documents which will enable the future historian to preserve to coming generations the events of our time, but they have also by their diligence sought out and contributed many rare and valuable works pertaining especially to the early history of this country and of the Old World.

Our library divided into a few leading divisions will be found to consist mainly of works of the following descriptions: General History, Local History, Biography and Genealogy, Theology, Medicine and Surgery, National and State Documents, and Ancient Fiction.

Your librarian would suggest that special effort be made for the collection of whatever relates to the history of the Great Rebellion in the United States, whether of books, manuscripts, pamphlets or relics, as the time will soon come, as new generations who were not observers of the transactions of those trying times come upon the stage, when whatever throws a light upon this greatest war of modern times will be eagerly sought and correspondingly valued.

As custodian of the collection of relics belonging to the society, the librarian would report accessions of great interest and value, as will be seen by the detailed report appended, and also by the Department reports. The donations of medals and coins by Mr. Henry Phelps, of an Indian mortar by Mr. E. H. Marshall, a case of curiosities, and ancient furniture by Mr. Pardon A. Lee, and ancient furniture by Hon. Clark Jillson are worthy of special mention. Should the Society be as abundantly favored during the next year as during the year past, the seeking of larger and more commodious quarters will be necessitated.

While we have been the recipients of so many valuable gifts, during the past year, it would seem invidious to single out any for special mention; for he who contributes to our shelves but a single sheet or pamphlet may be placing in the way of the future seeker of facts pertaining to the past and present, just the information he desires to obtain; and as general history is but the result of gathering here a little and there a little, the solitary sheet often assumes its place in after years as a gift of greater worth than one considered of far greater value at the time of gift. But notwithstanding all this, I cannot forbear mentioning in a special way the donation of a medallie collection by Mr. Henry Phelps. This collection consists of copies of rare and valuable medals of various countries, to which is also added a fine collection of coins. The study of medallie history is one of the most interesting and instructive pursuits. From classic days metals have taken the highest rank as marks of honor and memorials of great deeds. They bring to us representations of the features of the men and women they are designed to honor and also the representation of some deed or deeds which have rendered their names immortal. In fact the historic significance of medals cannot be overestimated. The materials of which they are composed, their devices and inscriptions, the events which they commemorate, the authority from which they emanated, the history of the engraver, all have an interest absorbing in its character. They also show in a great degree the temper and disposition of the nation in which they have their origin, and the state of the art of engraving at the time of their production. The total number of pieces in this collection is 518, of which 193 are foreign medals, 93 American, 146 pieces of coin, American and foreign, 5 Washington buttons, and 81 tokens, while in addition to these are 67 medalets, the gift of Nathaniel Paine, Esq.

Among the finest specimens of foreign medals in our collection are those of Napoleon, (Bataille De Marengo,) Napoleon, (Protest to the English Government,) a remarkably deep struck medal by Rogat, Arthur, Duke of Wellington, the Elgin Medals, three fine Shakespeares, the English Army upon the Scheldt, Pierre Abailard, 12 Roman Emperors, Pierre Jean Béranger, Titianus Vecellins, Louis Phillippe I., Roi des Franeais, and a German

School medal. The study of the metallic history of the United States has for us a peculiar interest. The total number of medals belonging to our national history is 86; 17 of these belong to the period of the American Revolution, 27 to the War of 1812, 4 to the Mexican War, and 2 to the late civil war. The earlier American medals were generally the work of French engravers, and are fine specimens of the art, the designs of some of the finest being furnished by the French Royal Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres; Dupré, Duvivier, Gatteaux, Andrieu and Gayrad, designed those which are of chief historical interest and of the highest artistic superiority. Among the finest specimens of American national medals are the Washington, Greene, and Gates, the Morgan, Howard, and John Paul Jones, the *Libertas Americana*, De Fleury, Anthony Wayne, and John Stewart. Of the above National medals, we have in our collection copies of the Washington, (Boston Retaken.) Greene, Gates, Morgan, Howard, De Fleury, Anthony Wayne, John Stewart, and John Paul Jones. The first American medal authorized was the Washington, voted March 25, 1776, commemorative of the Siege and Evacuation of Boston. Although this was the first medal voted, it was not engraved until after the *Libertas Americana* and the De Fleury pieces were struck. The history of this medal is particularly interesting. It appears that this medal has come down to us through several generations of Gen. Washington's elder brother. During the War of the Rebellion it was in the possession of George Lafayette Washington, then living on the road from Harper's Ferry to Winchester, which country was alternately in the possession of one or the other of the contending armies. The medal in its seal skin case was wrapped in cotton, deposited in a box and buried in the cellar of the old mansion. Gov. Andrew had, while living, made arrangements for the purchase of the medal, but his death prevented a completion of the transaction. In December, 1875, fifty gentlemen of Boston, at the head of whom was the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, agreed to be responsible to the amount of one hundred dollars each, and succeeded in purchasing it, and on the one hundredth anniversary of the event which it commemorates it was presented to the city of Boston, and is deposited in the Public Library.

At the time some of our early medals were struck, Benjamin Franklin was at Paris, and was quite active as the representative of our government in perfecting the devices and inscriptions, and in negotiating with the artists. As indicating the practical bent of his mind, and to show how desirable it was to him to combine usefulness with the bestowal of honor, the following letters are given:

PASSY, March 4, 1780.

*To his Excellency, Mr. Huntington, President of Congress:*

SIR—Agreeably to the order of Congress, I have employed one of the best artists here in cutting the dies for the medal for M. De Fleury. The price of such work is beyond my expectations, being 1000 livres for each die. I shall see if it is not possible to have the others done cheaper. \* \*

With great respect, I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient and humble servant.

B. FRANKLIN.

On the 10th of March, 1785, Franklin wrote to John Jay, Minister of Foreign Affairs, as follows:

PASSY, (France,) May 10, 1785.

The forming of dies in steel to strike medals or money is generally with the intention of making a great number of the same form. The engraving of those dies in steel is, from the hardness of the substance, very difficult and expensive, but once engraved, the great number to be easily produced afterwards by stamping, justifies the expense, it being but small when divided among a number. Where only one medal of a kind is wanted, it seems an unthrifty way to form dies for it in steel to strike the two sides of it, the whole expense of the dies resting on that medal.

It was by this means that the medal voted by Congress to M. De Fleury cost one hundred guineas, when an engraving of the same figures and inscriptions might have been beautifully done on a plate of silver of the same size for two guineas.

The ancients when they ordained medals to record the memory of any laudable action, and do honor to the performer of that action, struck a vast number and used them as money. By this means the honor was extended through their own and neighboring nations. Every man who received or paid a piece of such money was reminded of the virtuous action of the person who performed it, and the reward attending it, and the number gave such security to this kind of monuments against perishing and being forgotten that some of each of them exist to this day, though more than two thousand years old, and being now copied in books by the art of engraving and printing, are not only exceedingly multiplied but likely to remain some thousands of years longer.

The man who is honored only by a single medal is obliged to show it to enjoy the honor, which can be done only to a few and often awkwardly. I therefore wish the medals of Congress were ordered to be money, and so

continued as to be convenient money, by being in value aliquot parts of a dollar.

Copper coins are wanting in America for small change. We have none but those of the king of England. After one silver or gold medal is struck from the dies for the person to be honored, they may be usefully employed in striking copper money, or in some cases small silver.

The nominal value of the pieces might be a little more than the rest, to prevent their being melted down, but not so much more as to be an encouragement of counterfeiting."

Signed,      B. FRANKLIN.

Our coins show for themselves that the suggestions of the philosopher were never adopted.

I am quite confident the members of our society will derive great pleasure from an examination of this medallic collection, and instruction from a study of it.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. LOVELL,

Worcester, Jan. 7, 1879.

*Librarian.*

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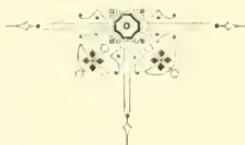
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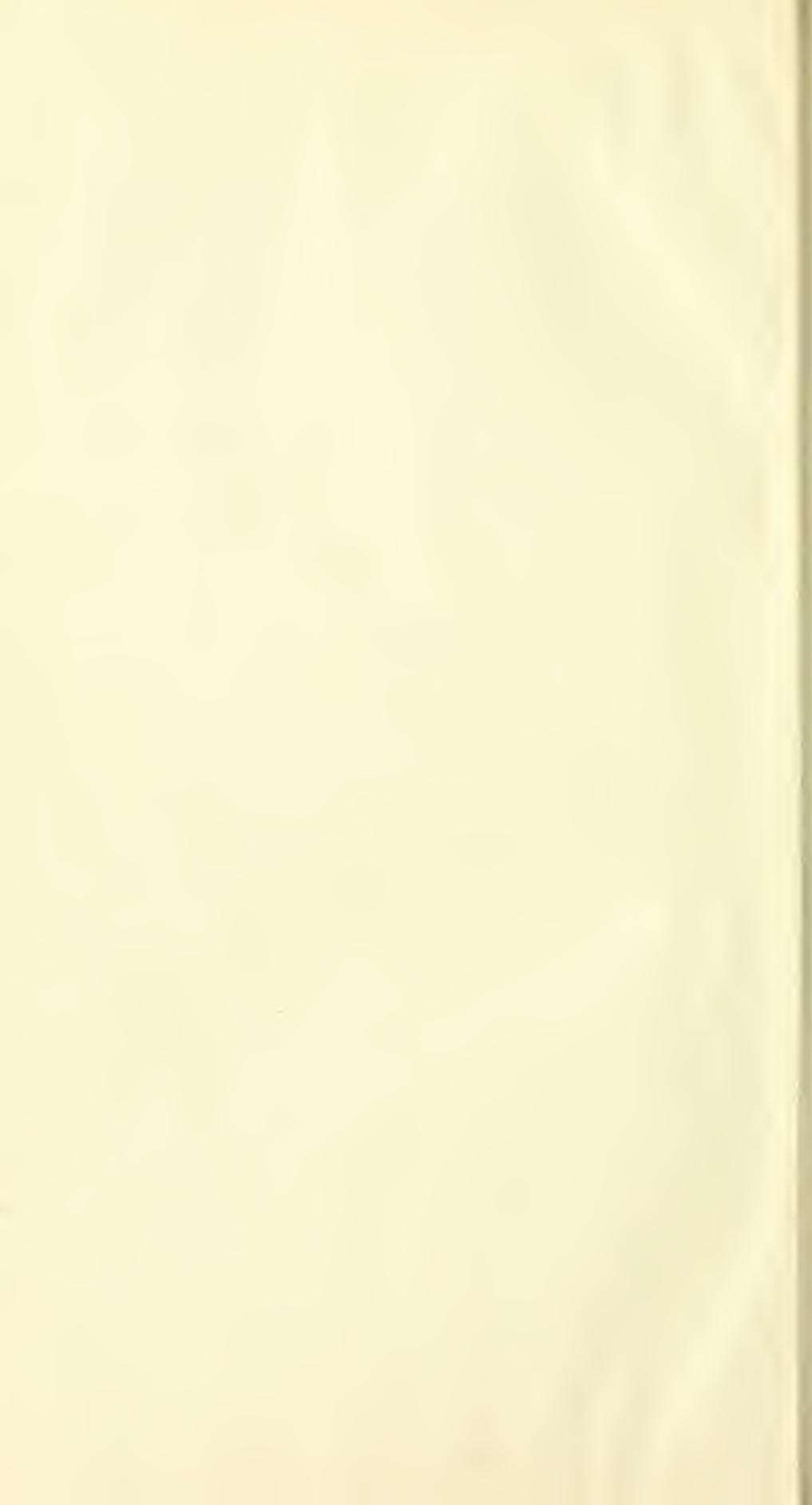
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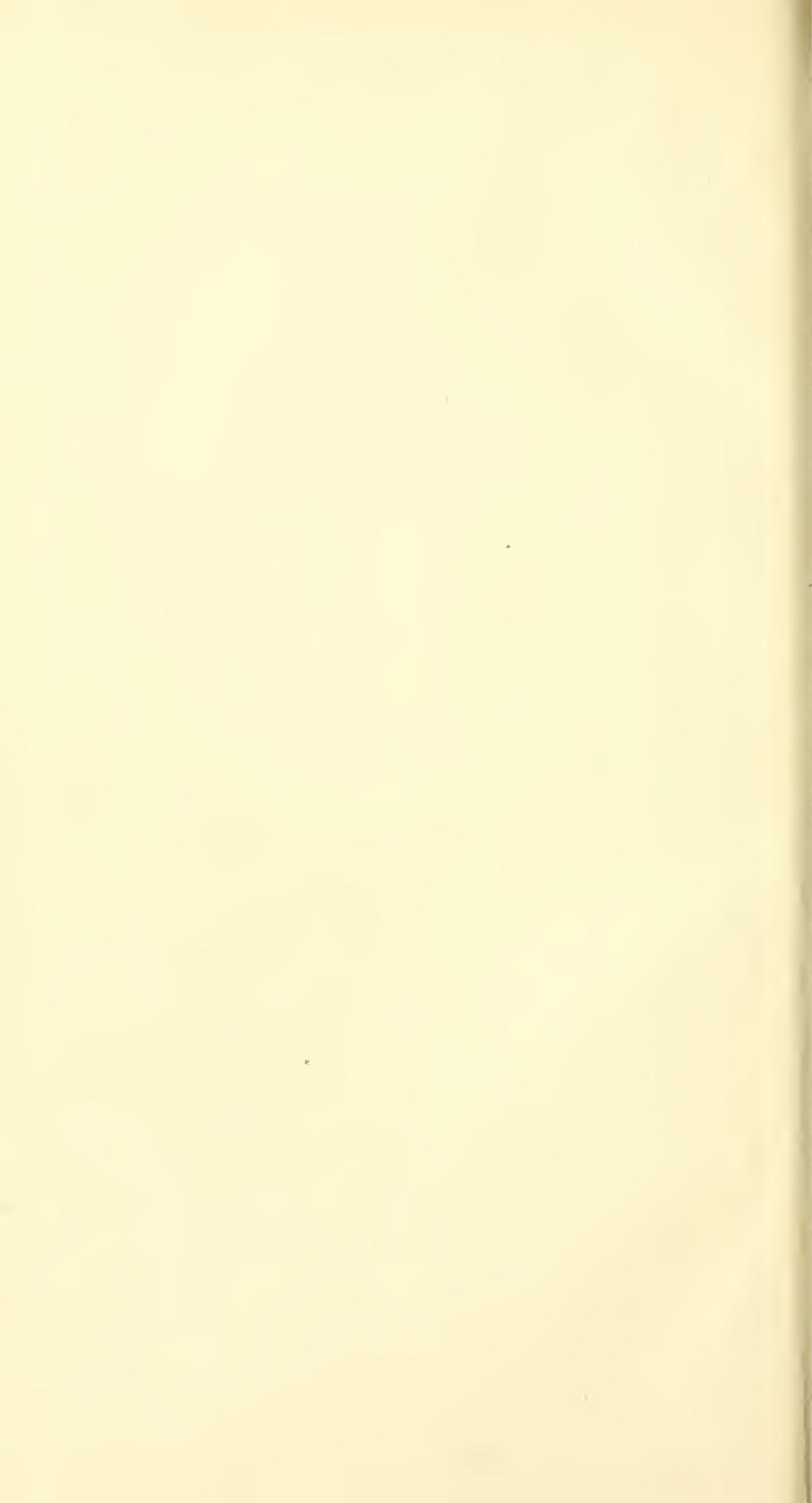














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